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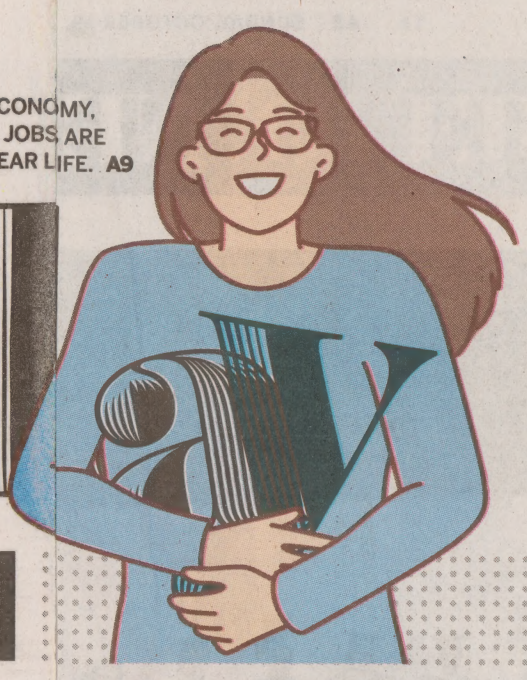

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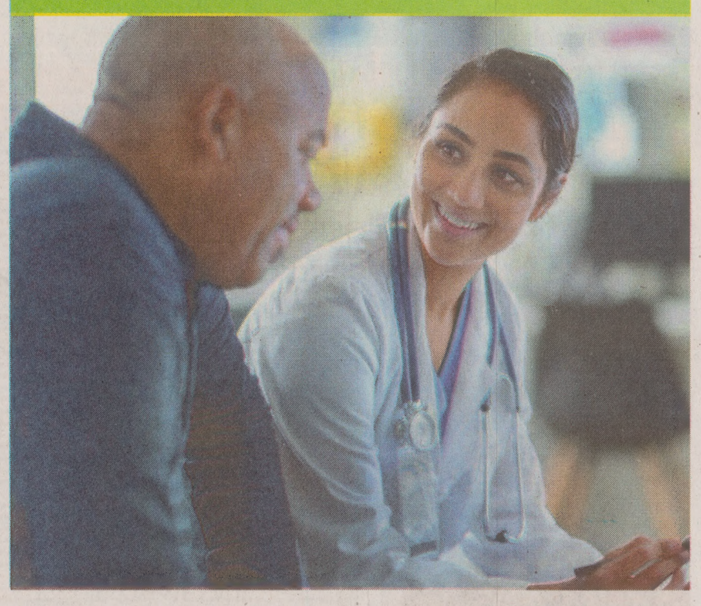

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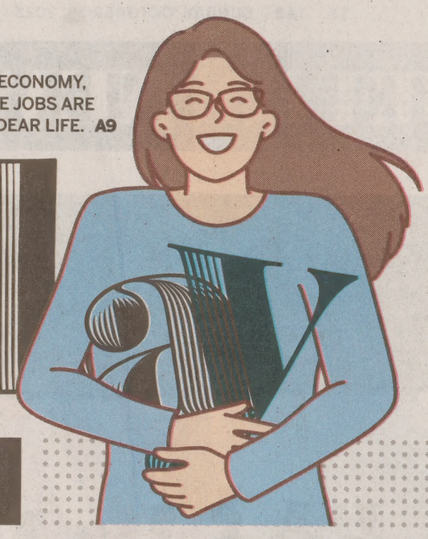

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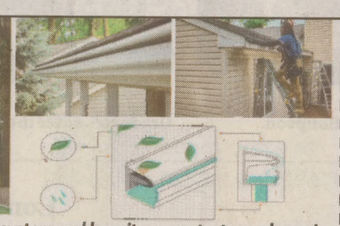

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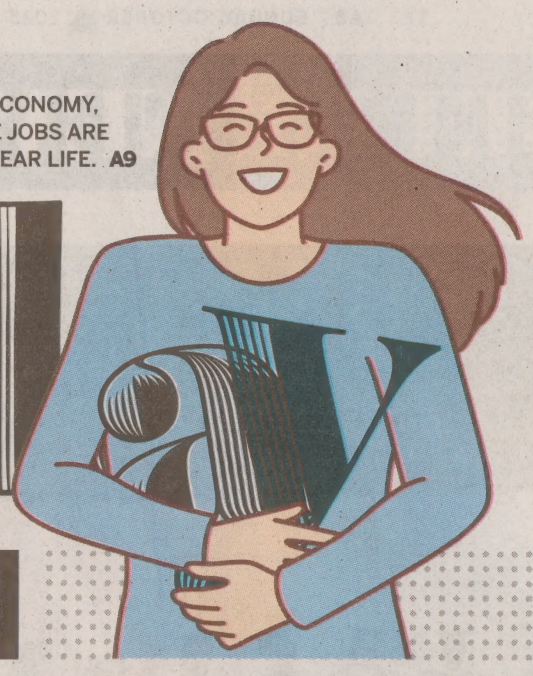

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Men walk in first graduation at Washtenaw County Jail

The commencement is part of the official launch of IGNITE, an education program.

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Amanda Kuehn almost disappeared into her son's graduation gown as he pulled her into an embrace, holding each other for several seconds.

"Eight months too long," Kuehn said Wednesday while fussing with his wild hair, poking out in a cloud from underneath the tasseled blue cap.

Chalis McLaughlin, 18, is just the fourth person in their family to earn their high school diploma and one of nine men honored for the achievement at the Washtenaw County Jail's first graduation ceremony.

"Unfortunately, it's not in the way we thought life was going to go for him, but he did it," Kuehn said.

The ceremony — complete with "Pomp & Circumstance," desserts and diplomas in cardstock sleeves — honored students who earned their high school diploma, GED or other industry-recognized certificates. It also marked the official launch of the jail's Inmate Growth Naturally and Intentionally Through Education, or IGNITE, program.

The program, launched in the Genesee County Jail in 2020, aims to educate those being held in county jails and recognize that education with in-person graduations.

IGNITE is the umbrella structure for all sorts of educational programming, said Alyshia Dyer, sheriff of Washtenaw County.

"You really want people to leave in a better spot," Dyer said.

"Our operational philosophy is to make sure we're giving people as much resources as possible so they can be successful in our community."

Although 18 other people have graduated while in the jail, the in-person ceremony is the first of its kind in Washtenaw County.

"What we found was, as soon as you recognize that achievement, it changes the mindset," said Chris Swanson, sheriff of Genesee County. "It changes the culture."

Participation in the program can decrease recidivism and violence within the jail, according to a study of the Genesee County program.

Getting a diploma has helped Darrius Williams, 27, who hopes to go into health care. He received medical care after a car crash a few years ago, which makes him want to help others, he said.

"I feel so accomplished after all these years of not getting it," Williams said. "It's awesome to know that I finally got it. I never thought I would."

Williams is being held without bond on charges of second-degree murder, operating while intoxicated causing death, operating with a suspended or revoked license causing death and reckless driving causing death. He is accused of killing Ronnie Burford, 68.

"I feel really happy to be here and to be able to see this and catch this moment, especially with my daughter," said Marissa George, who shares a child with Williams.

McLaughlin said he wants to eventually go into meteorology. He is being held on a charge of assault with intent to murder and related charges.

His family is what kept him pushing through, he said.

"I ain't got to hug my mama or my grandfather in about six, seven months, so it feels good," he said.

Devausiare Henning accepts his diploma.

Washtenaw County Sheriff Alyshia Dyer shakes graduates' hands.

Darius Williams greets public defender Delphia Simpson.

Graduates enter the room during the ceremony Wednesday.

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Pedestrian crashes at 'numbers we haven't seen in a decade'

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Pedestrian safety advocates are reminding Ann Arbor officials the city set a Vision Zero goal several years ago to end serious injuries and deaths on city streets by 2025.

That hasn't happened, they point out, citing Ann Arbor police reports showing two more fatalities and 11 serious injuries sustained by pedestrians in traffic crashes so far this year.

"We've had more pedestrians injured and killed in traffic crashes so far in 2025 than in any full year since 2014," said Peter Houk, a member of the city's Transportation Commission who keeps a detailed log at CrashesInAnnArbor.org.

"I think we can all agree that this isn't where we want to be in this year that we targeted to achieve our Vision Zero goal."

The problem is fixable, he said, and the city needs to act immediately.

Houk was among several safety advocates who shared concerns at the Oct. 6 City Council meeting.

"I am irritated by how little we appear to be doing about this," said Alex Lowe, another advocate who spoke out.

"Studies have shown that no amount of enforcement will stop people from acting like psychopaths while driving," he said. "We need infrastructure changes."

That includes raised intersections and hard bollards, not flex posts, he said.

"We need physical barriers to protect people from cars the same way we use physical barriers to protect people from dangerous animals," he said.

A sign at Huron and Division streets in Ann Arbor calls for people to sign a petition to improve pedestrian safety. There was a non-fatal crash at this intersection in April, and a fatal crash nearby at Huron and Fourth Avenue in May. *MLive.com files*

AT-FAULT DRIVERS

Council Member Dharma Akmon, D-4th Ward, thanked the residents who addressed council.

"I share advocates' concern that in a year where we were supposed to get to zero, we're seeing numbers that we haven't seen in a decade," she said.

The city has taken some positive steps, she said, mentioning police enforcement on corridors where "pretty scary" speeds have been observed and drivers have been ticketed.

The city is weaving its transportation plan goals into new projects, she said.

"But I'm also determined for us to use the $500,000 that we set aside to be responsive in a quick fashion, using our quick-builds program," she said.

The council put the money in the 2025-26 budget to make quicker improvements like flexible posts and pavement markings to make bike lanes and pedestrian crossings safer.

Houk said he has been to all the sites where people were killed or seriously injured this year and he's seen a trend.

"Ten of the 13 serious and fatal crashes that we've had this year were suffered by pedestrians in crosswalks where drivers didn't yield," he said, recommending more targeted enforcement, measuring and reporting driver compliance at crosswalks and deactivating flashing yellow arrows that direct left-turning traffic through active crosswalks.

'CITIES CAN DO THIS'

"Just please start," Kirk Westphal of the Neighborhood Institute told council members.

Council members have made it clear they share the same priorities, but they're not anywhere close to accomplishing the goals they've put in writing, he said.

"Quick builds shouldn't be hard," he said, noting road crews shut down some traffic lanes all year for construction projects and motorists cope.

"Cities can do this," he said.

Westphal said the city's consultant exploring "right sizing" multi-lane roads seems to be focused on how to lower speeds while balancing priorities between safety and congestion.

"This is by definition not Vision Zero," he said. "It is dangerously incorrect and requires your intervention."

He suggested the city act more urgently to use the $500,000 for quick-build projects, noting hundreds of residents have called for starting with Stadium Boulevard.

Packard Street and Green Roads are other options, he said.

Advocates thanked Akmon for sponsoring an ordinance change that went through first reading, aimed at improving traffic crash reporting and preventing future crashes.

City transportation and safety services staff convene regularly to review traffic crashes to determine causes and solutions, Senior Assistant City Attorney Christopher Frost told council in a memo. Staff provides regular reports and recommendations to the Transportation Commission regarding those.

The ordinance change adds an express duty for the commission to consider the reports and recommendations when advising on safety-related programs and projects, Frost said.

"This is largely about codifying a responsibility that Transportation Commission in conjunction with staff have been developing over the last year or so," Akmon said.

"I hope that with enough of these steps, I will eventually be able to come up and say that we succeeded," Lowe said.

Adam Jaskiewicz, another resident who spoke, said the city needs better enforcement on problematic corridors such as Liberty and Seventh streets where drivers routinely speed and ignore people in crosswalks.

"We need to slow drivers to non-lethal speeds where they interact with pedestrians," he said. "We need more and better marked crosswalks."

He thinks the city has a better handle on bicycle crashes and is investing in good bicycle infrastructure, he said, focusing his remarks on pedestrian safety.

"We are all pedestrians," he said. "Whether we walk, drive, ride our bike or take the bus, we are all pedestrians."

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ANN ARBOR

Main Street pedestrian bridge plan gets $1M boost

The 3-mile Treeline trail has been a shared aspiration for nearly 20 years.

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The money allocated to Ann Arbor in the state budget will support engineering and design work for the Treeline trail's northern segment known as the Gateway. *Submitted*

Plans for a Treeline trail bridge over Ann Arbor's North Main Street just got a $1 million boost.

The money the city is receiving in the new state budget will support engineering and design work for the Treeline's northern segment known as The Gateway, officials said.

The nonprofit Treeline Conservancy, which is working with the city on it, called it a major milestone, bringing them one big step closer to making the signature bridge a reality.

"It gets us over a third of the way to the $2.8 million needed for this phase of the project," Cynthia VanRenterghem, the conservancy's executive director for development, said in a statement, thanking state lawmakers for their support.

Project leaders credited state Reps. Jason Morgan, Jennifer Conlin, Morgan Foreman and Carrie Rheingans and Senators Sue Shink and Jeff Irwin.

"Ann Arbor is at its best when we work together, and this collaboration with the Treeline Conservancy to bring the Gateway to fruition is a shining example," Mayor Christopher Taylor said in a statement.

"We take great pride in this partnership and in the significance the state has placed on the Gateway project through this $1 million allocation."

The conservancy announced Oct. 10 it received authorization from the city to proceed with a request for proposals to engage an engineering firm for the gateway segment's design.

The conservancy plans to work closely with city officials in the coming months to move the project forward, calling it a transformative and iconic segment that will be the crown jewel of the Treeline, featuring a "stunning" pedestrian bridge.

The conservancy is planning a fundraising campaign for the gateway segment.

The elevated trail would connect the city's 721 N. Main St. property — a vacant and expansive site envisioned as a future park — to the riverfront area to the north, spanning above Main, Summit and Depot streets and touching down next to the Depot Street tunnel pathway that connects to Broadway Park West and the Border-to-Border Trail near Argo Pond.

Norman Herbert, co-chair of the conservancy's board, thanked the city for its close partnership.

"Together, we are developing a safe and accessible corridor for our families and people of all ages from downtown Ann Arbor to the Huron River and all it has to offer," he said in a statement.

The Treeline has been a shared aspiration for nearly 20 years, City Administrator Milton Dohoney said in a statement, saying it will allow motor-free movement while incorporating features that protect the environment and support sustainability goals.

The larger Treeline vision calls for a pedestrian and bicycle pathway extending roughly three miles along the historic alignment of Allen Creek and the Ann Arbor Railroad, with three defined segments:

- The Gateway at the north end.
- The Neighborhood along the west side of downtown.
- Wolverine Way past the University of Michigan campus and athletic fields out to State Street.

Some trail segments already are in place as the project has been coming together incrementally over several years.

Some residents have argued the expensive elevated segment at the north end — estimated to cost about $18 million in 2021 — is unnecessary and a less-costly alternative staying at ground level would be to create a safe street-level crossing on Main Street and a bikeway along Summit Street to link with Wheeler Park and the Depot Street tunnel pathway.

Learn more at thetreeline.org.

WASHTENAW COUNTY

Free rides for adults 60, older available via new program

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Washtenaw County residents 60 and older can book free rides through three transportation providers thanks to a new taxpayer-backed program.

County officials recently split $1 million equally between three transportation service providers to expand services for seniors in the county.

The funds come from a new voter-approved countywide millage that raises about $11 million a year for services that benefit adults 60 and older.

County residents in that age group can schedule free rides with Jewish Family Services, People's Express, or Western-Washtenaw Area Value Express, known as the W.A.V.E, depending on where they live in the county.

The new initiative "represents a major step forward in supporting independence, mobility, and access for older residents throughout the community," county officials said a release.

A map and more info are at bit.ly/olderadultsmillage25. Older adults can call the transportation providers directly to request rides at the following numbers:

- Jewish Family Services at 734-769-0209 prompt 2.
- People's Express at 877-214-6073.
- Western-Washtenaw Area Value Express at 734-475-9494.

"We heard from residents across Washtenaw County that transportation to medical appointments, grocery stores, and local services is a real challenge," county board chair Katie Scott, D-Ann Arbor, said in a statement.

"I'm proud that we're responding directly to that need. This is just the beginning; through the Older Adults Millage, we're building a stronger, more connected county for everyone," Scott said.

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FROM THE COVER

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Detailed plans for a mass shooting stopped just in time

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Seeking answers, MLive obtained copies of Davis' journals, which were used as evidence in the case, and investigative reports on his crime. Reporters spoke with the Owosso police detectives who handled the early stages of the investigation.

Davis didn't respond to a letter sent to him in the Clare County Jail, where he is being held. His attorney, a federal public defender, didn't respond to a request to discuss the case. Family members and friends from high school didn't respond to phone calls, Facebook messages or letters.

But the journal he kept during the year leading up to his arrest, a document that records his anger, unhappiness and hatred, offers clues and explanations, starting with an entry from mid-July of 2023 titled "A Short Story."

'ON A WAR PATH'

"I feel trapped," Davis wrote. "I've felt that way for a long time after moving to this (expletive) town with nothing to do but sit in my room and think and research, play video games even though I don't play them anymore really."

He had moved to Owosso with his mother and sister after his sophomore year of high school, he wrote. He enrolled in online school for his final two years. The family lived at the home of an uncle where Davis slept on an air mattress before his mother found them a place of their own.

"Being bored and not having anything to do at the time, I would start looking at different right-wing Telegram groups and joining them," he wrote.

Telegram is a messaging app that, until its founder's arrest last year, refused to moderate or remove posts, a policy that allowed extremist communities of all stripes to flourish there.

He was active on other sites, too, on Reddit and Discord. He called himself the Ghøst Templar, probably a reference to characters in the video game Call of Duty.

And, when he left a job at an auto parts store, "things changed, and I was on a war path."

FASCINATION WITH KILLERS

When Owosso police entered Davis' bedroom, "every sign was there of someone who had some very serious issues," Detective Sgt. Jeff Dame said.

Alongside the guns and homemade grenades, there were neo-Nazi and Russian militia patches, communist and anarchist patches, a knife with "an expletive written in marker on the blade and names — lots of names — written down near his computer, detectives said.

"They were all killers," Dame said. "They were all active shooters."

He would tell police he didn't believe a lot of what was in his journal or hanging on his walls, according to the case report, that it was there as a provocation, not because he believed it.

But Davis had been researching mass shooters online since at least the summer of 2023, according to court documents.

He was "fascinated" by the 33-year-old neo-Nazi and U.S. Army washout who murdered eight people in a mall in Allen, Texas, Davis wrote in his notebook. He had created a page on Odnoklassniki, the same Russian social media platform where the perpetrator had vented his hatred against Jews, women and racial minorities.

RANKING INSPIRATION

"My main person I took inspiration from" was the perpetrator of the 2012 mass shooting in an Aurora, Colorado, movie theater, he wrote in August of 2023, but, a few months later, when he wrote out a ranking of the top 24 mass killers, first place went to a man who was radicalized in white nationalist internet forums, released a meme-laden manifesto and went on to murder 51 people in two New Zealand mosques.

Third place went to the teenage white supremacist who murdered 10 Black customers and workers in a supermarket in Buffalo, New York, using a rifle covered in racial slurs and phrases that included "The Great Replacement."

Davis wrote that he believed in the Great Replacement theory, the idea that conspiracy-minded elites are working to replace whites with non-whites through mass migration and a falling white birth rate — or that he at least believed some of it.

But his act of violence wouldn't just be political, he wrote.

"This is personal. It's about hatred and much more, my hate for this world and for the people in it, all people," he wrote.

"I hate you all the same."

A TROUBLED LIFE

His personal misery was well-documented in his journal.

On one page, he'd write about being "a god exacting my retribution."

On another, he'd lament the fact that, at 21, he still lived with his mother and sister, that he didn't have a car or even a driver's license. He called the situation "a disappointment, a disgrace, my fault I guess."

The pandemic years were "hell," he wrote, not because of the coronavirus but because of "my personal feelings and physical pain I was going through having anxiety attacks, panic attacks."

When he bought a gun and tested it, "I knew it would do the job if need be, the job being blowing my brains halfway down the block."

He told police he hated his father, who had absconded from parole and from the family and fled to Mississippi. State prison records show the father has been convicted on drug charges in the past.

"(Davis) said his dad was a narcotics dealer growing up, and he witnessed all this type of stuff in his early years," Dame said. "So a very, very troubled individual."

LOOKING FOR TARGETS

Davis' writing often sounds like he's trying on identities, making arguments he might not entirely believe, trying to find some solid sense of himself.

And he dithered about what his target would be.

He'd been "casing possible targets," he wrote in August 2023, "hospitals, churchs (sic), schools, mosques, synagogues, supermarkets" and had settled on a mosque.

Days later, he was mulling whether to attack a mosque, a theater or a high school.

"He had taken an incredible amount of time to map out our specific Owosso Kroger," Dame said, "and he mentioned numerous times that (he) thought the supermarket idea was a good place to shoot up."

In November, he wrote about sitting with a gun on the night of Owosso's holiday Glow Parade, imagining what he might do or could have done to parade-goers.

"I saved you," he said.

'PLEASE DON'T SHOOT ME'

At the start of this year, months after Davis' arrest, Tim Law painted the words "Rainbow Bar" on the wall of his establishment and hung a small, framed sign next to them.

"It's not what you think," the sign says. "Please don't shoot me."

Davis had planned to attack the Rainbow Bar. He thought it was a gay bar. It is not.

The bar was named decades before the rainbow became a symbol of LGBT pride.

"It was an Irish theme," Law said.

And the idea that Davis was going to shoot up the Rainbow because it's called the Rainbow "is the most insane thing I've ever heard of," Law said.

Owosso doesn't have many bars. Most of the young adults in town have passed through at least once, he said.

"He should have known," Law said.

Davis' other target, the Shiawassee County Democratic Party headquarters, maybe 200 feet away on Main Street, actually did have a pride flag in the window.

Stephen Schlaack, who was chair of the organization at the time, said he found out about Davis' arrest days after it happened.

"I was at the farmers market, which was literally across the river from Pride Festival going on that weekend, and so I'm like, 'Oh my gosh. In a different world right now, there is a tragedy going on 800 meters for me.'"

As the group got more details of Davis' plan, the organization instituted a policy that volunteers weren't allowed to be in the office alone. When the 2024 election season was over, they moved out of that building.

TRYING TO EXPLAIN

With only a cursory reading of Davis' notebooks, Adam Lankford said, he might have assumed Davis was "another copycat white supremacist young white male who learned about this stuff online."

"But it turns out it's a little more complicated than that. Right?"

Lankford chairs the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Alabama. He's an expert on mass shooters.

And he sees dissonant notes in Davis' writings. Alongside the white supremacist shooters, Davis lionized mass murderers such as Connor Betts, who killed nine people in Dayton, Ohio, and considered himself a leftist, and Charles Manson, who did want to start a race war but whose erratic belief system doesn't fit well into the present-day white supremacist mold.

"He's interested in these violent role models, but not all of them shared that ideology by any means," he said. "And then there's also this kind of suicidal element."

The founders of The Violence Prevention Project, a research center at Hamline University in Saint Paul, Minnesota, have written that mass shootings — at least those instances not associated with domestic violence or other crimes — are often a form of suicide, a way for the perpetrators "to seize power and attention, forcing others to witness their pain while attempting to end their lives in a way that only they controlled."

SUICIDAL THOUGHTS

The idea of killing himself appears a few times in Davis's writings: in the passage about blowing his head off, in another about whether he would survive the shooting he planned,

If he attacked a school, "I'm going to have to kill myself after the attack," he wrote. "No way I could live with myself, and I would never survive prison."

Months later, he wrote that he should "just shoot myself to avoid hurting others."

If he didn't value his own life, Lankford said, it could explain why he was willing to end it.

"There's plenty of people with bigoted ideas who wouldn't do this because they do value their lives," he said.

It could also explain why he thought about ending it in a bloody and public way.

"It seems like one of the main explanations for sometimes why these people don't just die by suicide alone is because, if you die by suicide alone, you're not making a mark in history," he said. "But there's this fantasy that, through mass violence, you do."

Police believe Davis was close to carrying out his plan. On the day they searched his bedroom, a package containing black tactical gear arrived in the mail.

Kevin Lenkart, Owosso's police chief, thinks Davis started out shooting cars because he was "trying to build up the nerve or the guts or whatever you want to call it to actually go out and do it."

THE GHØST TEMPLAR

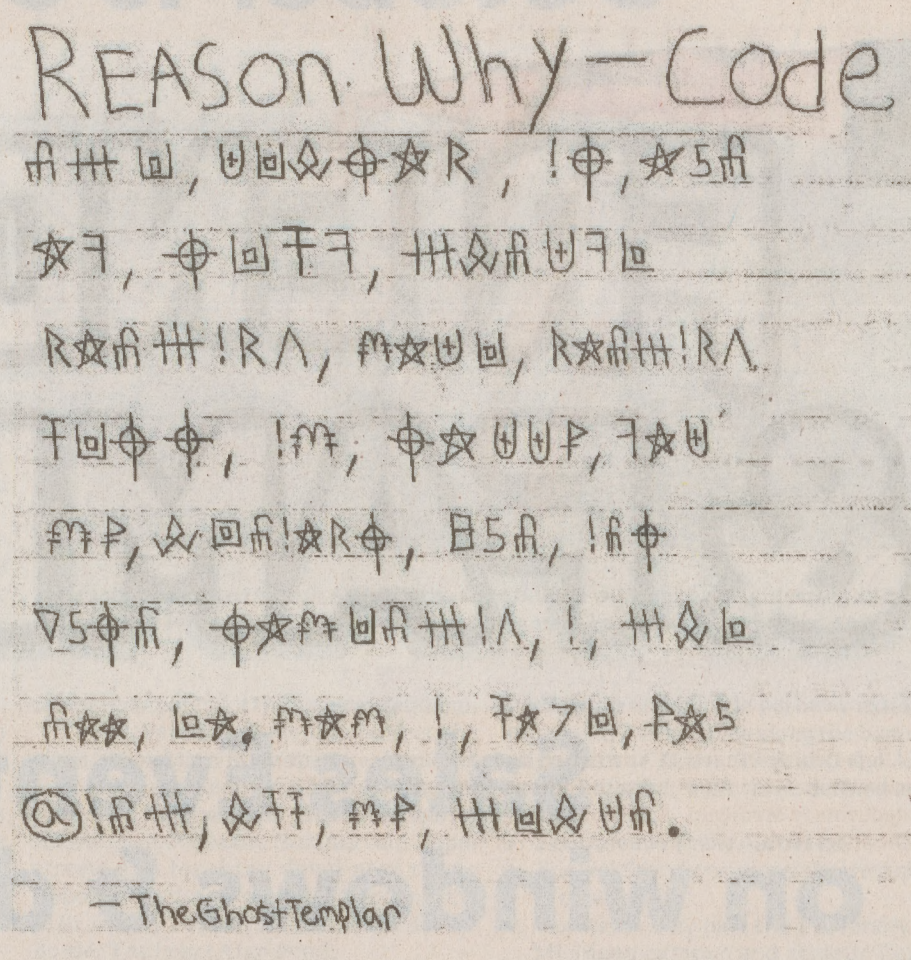
In a notebook that police found in Davis' bedroom, there's a page with "Reasons why" written at the top and a message below in a made-ùp cipher of stars and crosshairs and less-familiar shapes.

There is also a key.

Translated, the message reads: "The reason is out of self-hatred, nothing more nothing less. I am sorry for my actions, but it's just something I had to do."

"Mom, I love you with all my heart."

It's signed The Ghost Templar.



A coded message Mack Davis wrote to his mother that police seized as evidence.

Tim Law, owner of Rainbow Bar, poses for a photo in the establishment next to a framed sign that says "It's not what you think please don't shoot me." *Lukas Katilius, MLive.com*

Tim Law put this sign up in the Rainbow Bar after Mack Davis was arrested. The bar appeared in Davis' writings as one of his potential targets. *Lukas Katilius, MLive.com*

FROM THE COVER

MICHIGAN HEALTH

State aims to maintain Medicaid amid federal changes

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In September, the state House introduced House Bill 4968, which would have MDHHS request a waiver from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to allow for continued collection and expenditure of that provider tax at current rates while the state prepares to implement required changes.

The bill passed through the Legislature and went to Whitmer, who officially signed it earlier this month, along with the state's 2025-26 budget. She held a public signing Monday.

Whitmer's office said the state passed legislation to comply with the new federal regulatory landscape while preserving current revenue amounts and maintaining funding for health care providers statewide.

House Speaker Matt Hall, R-Richland Township, said the Legislature was making smart reforms to protect Medicaid after Trump "took steps to stabilize Medicaid at the federal level."

Senate Majority Leader Winnie Brinks, D-Grand Rapids, said the budget protects Medicaid from devastating federal cuts, "ensuring everyone is afforded the dignity of having access to care.

"With this bill, we are halting what was sure to be a catastrophic domino effect felt by all Michiganders, from kids, families and seniors to health care workers and even to folks with private insurance," Brinks said. "And by doing so, we have set ourselves apart as national leaders for the actions we've taken to safeguard Medicaid here in Michigan — and that's certainly cause for celebration."

Medicaid covers about 2.8 million state residents, or 25% of the population, making it the state's largest health insurer. In some rural counties, 40% or more of the population is covered by Medicaid.

Michigan is among the 40 states that have expanded Medicaid eligibility to adults with incomes up to 133% of the federal poverty line, according to the Citizens Research Council of Michigan. That's an annual salary of about $20,345 for a family of one, or $35,444 for a family of three.

U.S. Rep. Debbie Dingell, D-Ann Arbor, and Gov. Gretchen Whitmer host a roundtable discussion in March to discuss the potential negative impacts of Republican-proposed budget cuts to Medicaid. A new bill aims to keep the state's Medicaid access and funding in the short term. *Ryan Stanton, MLive.com*

"As we face huge federal cuts that threaten to destabilize health care, we're being strategic and proactive in Michigan to protect funding and stay flexible for the future. Together, we will defend access to care for families and maintain a balanced, fiscally responsible budget. I'm grateful to our partners for working together to get this right for Michigan.""

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer

Whitmer said cuts of hundreds of billions of dollars to Medicaid would force providers in Michigan to close their doors, reduce the quality of services, and strip health insurance from millions of the most vulnerable Americans.

Federal changes to Medicaid included adding new work requirements.

Recipients who are able-bodied will be required to work at least 80 hours per month in order to continue to receive benefits, beginning in 2027. Exceptions exist for people 65 and older, parents with children younger than 14, pregnant women and those "medically certified as physically or mentally unfit for employment."

Amy Zaagman, with the Protect MI Care Coalition, called the bill signing a victory for every Michigander who believes quality, affordable health care should be within reach for all.

"By strengthening Medicaid and protecting the health coverage millions rely on, this legislation takes an important step toward making sure our state can continue to care for children, pregnant women, seniors, workers and people with disabilities in every community," Zaagman said.

The Michigan Association of Health Plans, which represents private and employer-provided insurance providers, has called on the federal government to allow Michigan a three-year transition period to change its provider tax to avoid having to increase premiums on employers and employees.

"Commercial employer-sponsored health insurance is already facing unprecedented acuity claims and prescription drug costs, which are driving the cost of health insurance for employers and employees across the state," said Dominick Pallone, the association's executive director. "Forcing the commercial market to subsidize even more of Michigan's Medicaid costs through a new (insurance provider assessment) will make health care less affordable for employers and working Michiganders."

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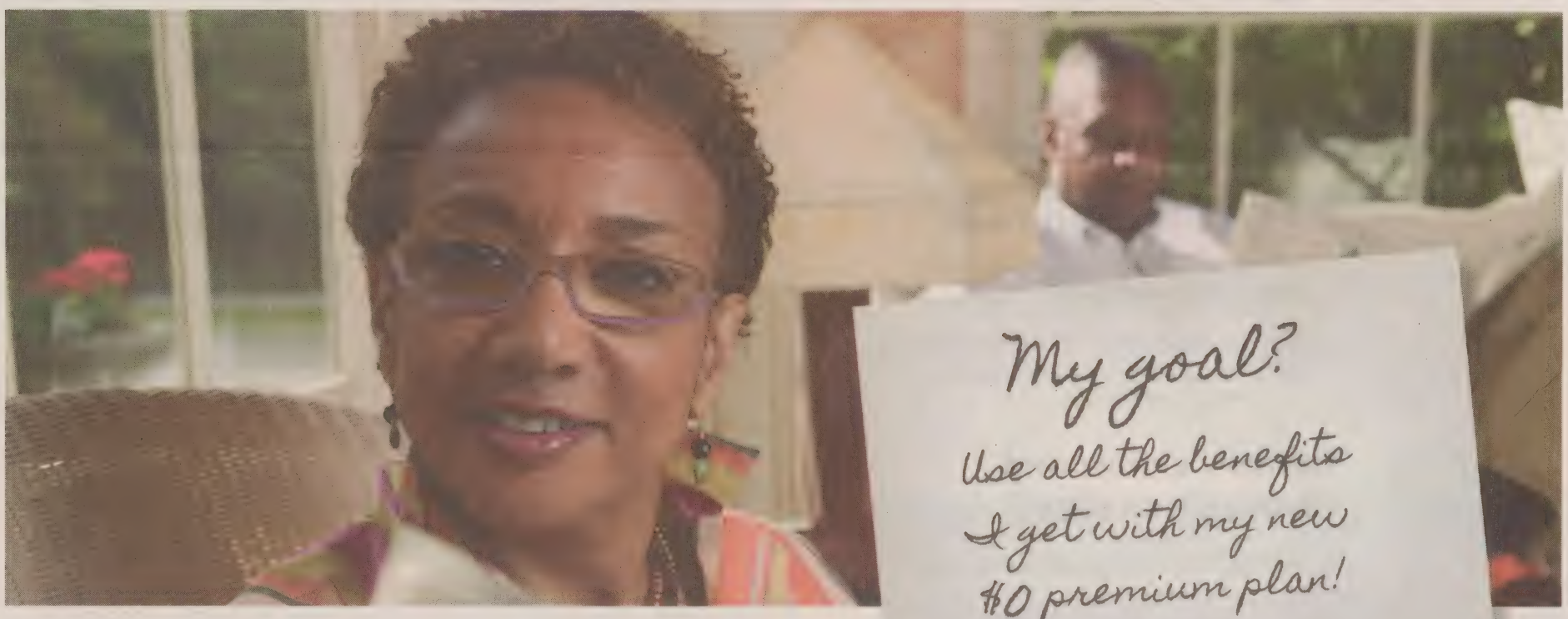

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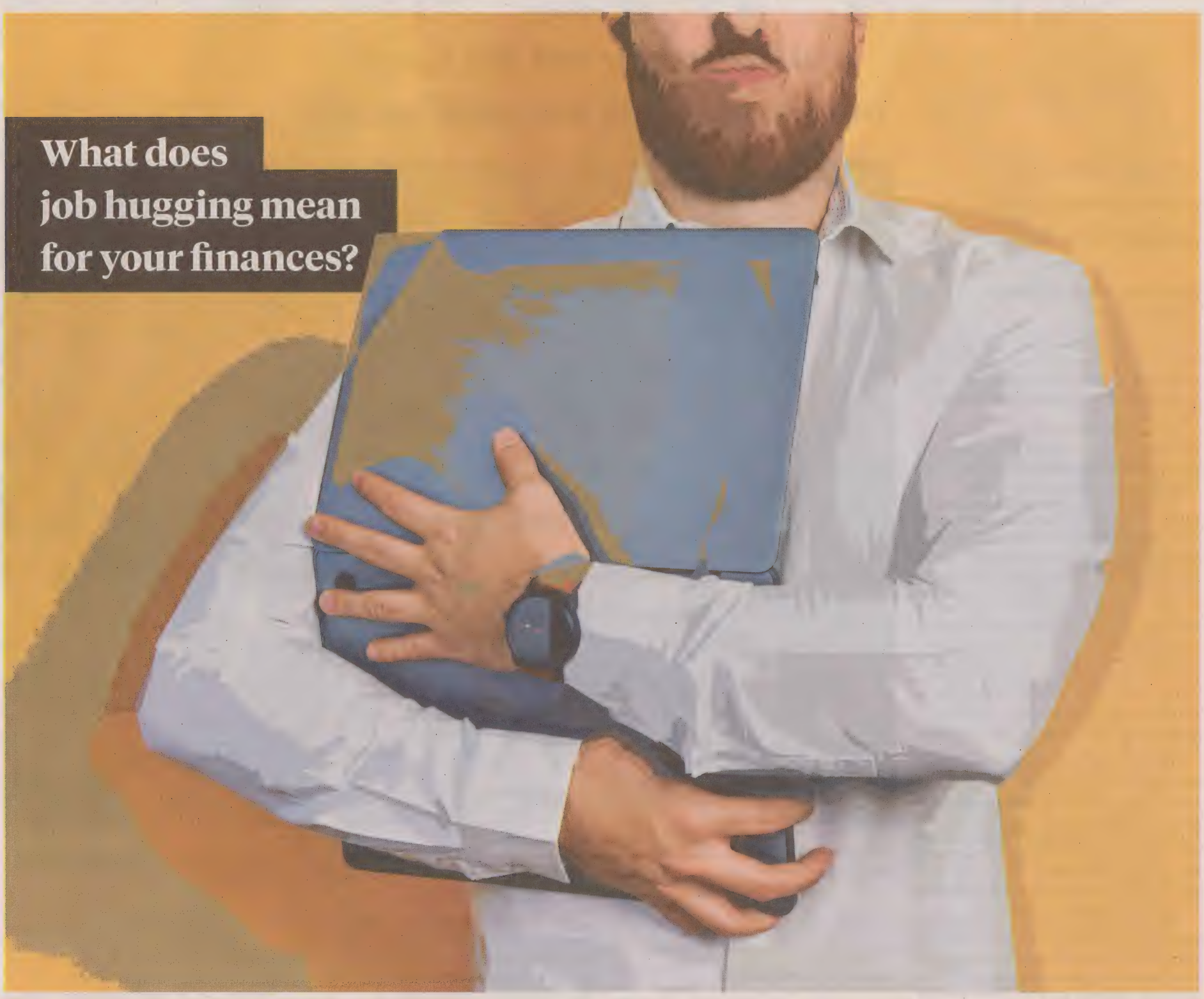

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***Your Money:** Right now, many people who do have jobs are holding on to them for dear life.*

Pamela de la Fuente *NerdWallet*

Imagine a game of musical chairs. Except there are 12 chairs and 100 people.

That's what the job market is like right now, says Mandi Woodruff-Santos, a career coach and host of the "Brown Ambition" podcast.

"There's not a lot of meat on the bone," she says.

That's why right now, many people who do have jobs are holding on to them for dear life, a concept that management consulting firm Korn Ferry has called "job hugging."

So many people are talking and writing about the term that "job hugging" is trending on Google.

It resonates. Are you hugging your current job right now? Maybe you feel stuck. Maybe you're not able to gain the skills you want. Maybe you'd like a new position with new challenges or more money, but ...

THE JOB STRUGGLE IS REAL

In July, the number of job openings (7.2 million), the number of new hires (5.3 million) and the number of people quitting jobs (3.2 million) were all pretty much unchanged, according to the latest numbers from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

In August, the economy added just 22,000 jobs, down from 79,000 in July.

"Unlike a few years ago, during the 'Great Reshuffling,' you just can't leave your current job and effortlessly land in a better one," says Elizabeth Renter, NerdWallet's senior economist.

Uncertainty about the economy, largely driven by changing policy, is causing employers to hold back on hiring, she says.

"Investing in new workers takes some confidence that business will be good in the near future, and when you're unsure about pricing due to tariffs, interest rates and consumer demand, it's hard to have confidence," she says.

FEAR? ALSO REAL

"For workers, staying put feels much safer than joining the ranks of those seeking a better job among few job openings," Renter says.

Jesse Wideman, a certified financial planner based in Charlotte, North Carolina, says a few years ago he had a lot of clients, particularly in the tech industry, who job-hopped to get more money. Now though?

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Elizabeth Renter, senior economist at NerdWallet

"There's a lot more fear around job security," says Wideman, who works for Zenith Wealth Partners.

He gets it. He says he has gone through job loss, and he's had both friends and clients go through job losses, too.

"They were out of work much longer than they thought," he says. "Then, once they get in a new job, they don't say, 'I plan to be here a year or two.'"

They stay parked right where they are. Why? Because people are afraid to go through another job loss and think, "let me make sure I don't have another five or six months where I don't have enough money for it to be feasible to feed me and/or my family," he says.

JOB HUGGING DOES HAVE BENEFITS

If your job provides your health care and you have people relying on you, that's a strong case for staying put, says Woodruff-Santos, nicknamed "the Queen of Quitting" because she's quit jobs to get more money and coached women of color to do the same.

Staying in your role means you and your financial planner, if you have one, have an idea of what your projected income and retirement look like, Wideman says. You know what's in your 401(k) and what your company will match.

Believe it or not, some companies still have pensions, he says. If you leave, that's money you may be leaving on the table.

BUT STILL, HAVE A PLAN B

Wideman says he has seen emergency funds getting beefier. Instead of the traditional amount — enough money to cover three to six months' worth of living expenses — he's seeing more people want a reserve of six months or more.

Either they've been laid off before, or they want a cushion in case that job they're hugging cuts them loose.

He recommends his clients put this cash in a high-yield savings account, primarily because of the liquidity that many of them offer.

There are tradeoffs, of course. If you're putting more money in your emergency fund, that means less money for other things — a down payment on a house, a wedding, your retirement or your brokerage fund.

It just depends on your priorities. Also, how strong your fear is.

AND WHEN OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS, BET ON YOURSELF

If clients aren't happy in their role and something better does come along, Wideman says he works with them to help them evaluate where they are and what their financial plan looks like if they stay or if they go.

Those discussions definitely come up less these days, Wideman says. But they still do come up.

Woodruff-Santos says if you're hanging onto a job that seems secure and you get a rare opportunity to jump ship, but you're scared of moving because of a possible last-in, first-out layoff, what does that mean for future you?

"It's very comfortable to think 'stay put.' It's the safe route," says Woodruff-Santos. "But at the same time, what are y'all hugging? It ain't hugging you back."

How much more could you have saved, gotten ahead, paid off debt, or socked into your 401(k) if you quit and took that leap?

"There's that risk, but also that reward," she says. "What if things do work out? Because a lot of times, they do."

Woodruff-Santos, who works with women of color, says they've long known that a job is just one source of income. She encourages her clients to keep their resumes and networks up to date and not count on that one job to be around forever.

"If you are job hugging naively, that is the worst mistake of all," she says.

"Finding additional income streams is always the move."

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POLITICS

GOP tries to brand 'No Kings' protests as 'hate America' rallies

Saturday marked the second such anti-Trump demonstrations this year.

Amy B Wang and Katie Tarrant
Washington Post

Dee Cahill participates in a pro-democracy demonstration outside Mar-a-Lago in July. One organizer expected "strategic frivolity" at Saturday's protests: witty signs and silly costumes like those seen at anti-ICE protests in Portland, Oregon. *AP file*

Ahead of thousands of anti-authoritarian "No Kings" protests planned for Saturday across the country, Republicans were trying to brand the demonstrations as "hate America" rallies.

Saturday marked the second "No Kings" demonstrations. Millions of people peacefully protested President Donald Trump and his administration's policies in June.

For more than a week, House Speaker Mike Johnson, R-Louisiana, and other GOP leaders cast the "No Kings" rallies as un-American, using increasingly hyperbolic language. Johnson and other members of House GOP leadership — including Majority Leader Steve Scalise of Louisiana, Majority Whip Tom Emmer of Minnesota, and Republican Conference Chair Lisa C. McClain of Michigan — all described the protests as events for people who "hate" the country, with Johnson and Emmer going as far as to suggest the protests are meant to appease a "terrorist wing" of the Democratic Party.

"We call it the 'hate America' rally that will happen Saturday. Let's see who shows up for that," Johnson said Wednesday at a news conference with other House GOP leaders. "I bet you you'll see Hamas supporters, I bet you'll see antifa types, I bet you'll see the Marxists on full display, the people who don't want to stand and defend the foundational truths of this republic."

Democrats and organizers of the more than 2,600 events scheduled Saturday said they're outraged by this characterization, defending the protests as peaceful and pointing out there were relatively few disruptions at the rallies in June. They also warned of attempts to stifle First Amendment rights.

"Speaker Johnson said this is a 'hate America' rally because people are coming out expressing their concerns about massive cuts to health care and the movement toward authoritarianism. It's not a hate America rally, it's a love America rally," Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vermont, said Wednesday at a town hall on CNN with Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-New York.

In a video posted last week, Sen. Chris Murphy, D-Connecticut, accused Republicans of trying to suppress rally turnout by amping up their rhetoric and trying to brand protesters as "terrorists." Murphy urged people to show up in big numbers to demonstrate "peacefully but forcefully."

"If you offer any criticism of this government, then you 'hate America'? That's ridiculous," Murphy said. "The fact is our country was founded on the idea that everyone has ... a constitutionally-protected right to speak up and protest your government, especially when you think they have become lawless and corrupt."

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The number of "No Kings" events on Saturday exceeded the number of similar demonstrations that took place June 14, which happened to be Trump's birthday.

Ezra Levin, co-founder of the liberal grassroots movement Indivisible that has co-organized the "No Kings" rallies, said that RSVPs had "skyrocketed" last week. He credited the increased interest, in part, to the Republicans' rhetoric about the rallies.

"I did not pay a dollar for this free publicity. It is incredible," Levin said. "They fear mass peaceful protests, and that's true of any authoritarian regime."

Tensions have only increased since June's demonstrations. The federal government is in its third week of being shut down, and Trump is fighting in court to lay off thousands of federal workers. Democrats and Republicans are deadlocked over extending health care subsidies that otherwise will expire at the end of the year, with neither side appearing willing to budge.

Republicans have sought to tie the "No Kings" rallies to the shutdown. Johnson used an Oct. 7 news conference to cast the Democrats as beholden to the protesters, planting the seed that a shutdown compromise would not be reached until after the rallies had taken place. At a White House event Wednesday, Trump himself suggested the same.

"I hear very few people (are) going to be there, by the way, but they have their day coming up and they want to have their day in the sun," Trump said, referring to the Saturday protests. "But (Democrats) should really make a deal."

The rallies also will come amid the Trump administration's expanded use of the military to fight crime in Democratic-run cities and the White House's increasingly incendiary rhetoric against the left.

In his speech to top military leaders at Quantico last month, Trump repeatedly insisted the United States was "under invasion from within" by "the radical left" and that the military should be able to "take them out."

In a Fox News interview Thursday, White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt baselessly said the Democratic Party's "main constituency is made up of Hamas terrorists, illegal aliens and violent criminals."

Organizers of the "No Kings" rallies include established activist groups such as the American Civil Liberties Union alongside grassroots groups that have formed since the 2024 election, such as the 50501 movement. Indivisible and Jewish Voice for Peace, also involved in organizing the rally, are on a list of left-wing organizations mentioned by the White House in connection to political protests that could be investigated, according to a Reuters report.

A White House official quoted anonymously by Reuters said that the groups were not necessarily targets of the president's directive for the National Joint Terrorism Task Force to focus on "anti-Americanism," and that left-wing groups are free to protest within the bounds of the law.

To help maintain peaceful protest, Levin said Indivisible has trained "tens of thousands" of people on "safety and de-escalation." Rather than the violence predicted by Republicans, Levin said observers on Saturday should expect to see "strategic frivolity": protesters dancing while holding witty signs and wearing the kind of lighthearted, ridiculing costumes that have become symbolic of anti-ICE protests in Portland, Oregon.

WASHINGTON

Despite the shutdown, food assistance is safe through October

But SNAP may be at risk if Congress can't reach a deal by next month.

Geoff Mulvihill and Morgan Lee
Associated Press

The Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program, known as SNAP or food stamps, provides food assistance to 40 million low-income people. *Associated Press file*

A federal program that provides food assistance to 40 million low-income people could be at risk in November if the government shutdown isn't resolved by then.

And in at least some places, new applications for the program are not being approved.

But there's still a lot of uncertainty about the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program, known as SNAP or food stamps, a vestige of a previous incarnation of food aid.

Here's a look at where things stand.

SNAP HELPS 1 IN 8 PEOPLE

SNAP is a major piece of the nation's social safety net, touching nearly 1 in 8 people in the country each month. They receive benefits on prepaid cards that they can use for groceries.

The other big pieces of the safety net — Social Security and Medicaid — are expected to continue paying benefits during the shutdown.

But because of the way it's funded, SNAP is vulnerable.

In the accounting year that ended on Sept. 30, 2024, SNAP cost just over $100 billion, including the half of state administrative costs covered by federal taxpayers.

It provided an average of $187 a month to 41.7 million people.

STATES WERE WARNED

When the government shut down Oct. 1 amid a congressional budget impasse, a few things were clear about SNAP.

One was that benefits would continue through October.

The other was that it was unclear after that.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, which oversees the program, sent letters on Oct. 10 to the state agencies that administer it telling them not to send certain files to the contractors that would clear the way for the EBT cards to be loaded at the start of November.

Different states send that information at different points in the month.

Carolyn Vega, the associate director of policy analysis at Share Our Strength, an anti-poverty advocacy group, said that pausing sending the information now doesn't mean that cards can't be loaded next month, with or without resumption of government operations.

But it's not good news, either. "The question marks are trending in a bad direction for November," she said.

CAN THE COSTS BE COVERED?

A budget agreement that ends the shutdown would also restore SNAP funding.

Short of that, Vega said, it's possible state or federal governments could free up money to bridge the gap. She said that ahead of a looming 2015 shutdown, similar warnings were released and then reversed even before Congress reached a deal to keep the government running.

But because of the amount of money involved, she noted, that's a challenge. General SNAP costs far more, for instance, than the Special Supplemental Nutritional Program for Women, Infants and Children that helps 6 million low-income mothers, young children and expectant parents to purchase nutritional staples. President Donald Trump's administration has shored up that program — for now — with $300 million.

Doing the same for the bigger program could cost about $8 billion a month.

And at tens to hundreds of millions of dollars monthly per state, finding state money to cover the costs could also be difficult. Peter Hadler, the deputy commissioner of Connecticut's Department of Social Services, told lawmakers in his state Thursday that there could another problem with trying to do that: He doesn't expect the federal government to ever reimburse states.

Hadler also said he expects the EBT network will be shut off at the retail level if the program isn't federally funded. In that case, even people with a balance could not access it.

OTHER SNAP CHANGES

The government shutdown isn't the only development that could cut access to SNAP.

The broad policy and tax law that Congress passed and Trump signed in July also calls for changes to the program. Adults with children from 14 to 17 will no longer be exempt from a work requirement to receive benefits, and neither will people ages 55 through 64.

Those policies are in effect now, and some people could begin losing coverage around the start of January.

And starting in October 2026, states are to pick up three-fourths of the administrative costs. The next year, states with higher benefit error rates will be required to pay some of the benefit costs.

While it's possible Congress could modify some of those policies, resuming government operations alone won't change them.

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DENECKE, MILDRED
4/19/1927 - 10/5/2025
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Mildred "Dennie" Denecke, philanthropist, world traveler and avid skier, died Sunday, October 5, 2025 in Ypsilanti, Michigan. She was 98 years old. Edward and Esther (nee Poole) Denecke welcomed their daughter into the world in 1927. Dennie graduated from the University of Michigan in 1949 with a degree in Engineering Physics and continued with graduate work in astronomy, mathematics, history, German, and economics.

As a research engineer on the cutting edge of science and technology, Dennie investigated thermal imaging devices and developed complex programs on several early mainframe computers. She created digital simulations of a missile system and a large, unified air defense program. In her pioneering work, she participated in exercises with the Army's 82nd Airborne Division and did research on arms control and disarmament inspection systems.

Dennie's collection of passports bear the marks of her travels to nearly every continent. Her destinations included China, Germany, Switzerland, Australia, and New Zealand. She spoke often of how much she enjoyed the Galapagos Islands. Introduced to skiing in Vermont at a young age, she schussed and slalomed through the Rockies and the Alps extensively. Dennie enjoyed cross country, downhill, and helicopter skiing.

At home, Dennie enjoyed reading, listening to classical music and opera. She loved animals, pampering a large backyard flock of well-fed birds and squirrels, and was always ready with a treat for any visiting dogs. She kept her ever-inquisitive mind sated with interesting courses offered by the University of Michigan's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. Dennie was also an active member of St. Mary Student Parish since her college years.

Those who knew her found her totally accepting and nonjudgemental. She was a conscientious neighbor and not prone to gossip. Dennie gave generously and enthusiastically encouraged education and travel.

She is predeceased by her parents and her cousin, Bruce Power.

Dennie is survived by her dearest friends, the Eastbury Court neighbors and a large cast of loving caregivers and helpers.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated for Mildred Denecke at St. Mary's Student Chapel in Ann Arbor on Saturday October 25 at 10 am. She will be interred beside her father in Pine Hill Cemetery, Brandon, Vermont.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: St. Mary's Student Parish, Center for the Education of Women at the University of Michigan, The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Fund for Learning at the University of Michigan, or The Mildred F. Denecke Scholarship for Biomedical Engineering at the University of Michigan.

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BEETON, RUTH
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Ann Arbor

Ruth Elizabeth Holland Beeton, a trailblazer for women in Great Lakes and limnological research, died in the company of her two sons on September 12, 2025 in Bethesda, MD due to dementia-related complications. Ruth was born in Weatherly, PA to parents Ruth (née Krick) and Charles Holland. Charles was a Lutheran minister and naval chaplain, meaning Ruth lived in many different cities growing up, including Newport, RI; San Diego, CA; and Norfolk, VA. Ruth graduated from St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN in 1958 and went on to enroll in medical school at the University of Michigan. Facing opposition from multiple faculty and advisors as to why a woman would get a medical degree when she couldn't become a doctor, Ruth switched to zoology and received a Master's degree, the foundation of her lifelong career in limnology. In 1963, Ruth interviewed for a research position with Dr. Alfred M. Beeton, the chief of the Environmental Research Program in the U.S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries Great Lakes Fisheries Laboratory in Ann Arbor. Ruth was well-qualified for the position, but made it a condition for her employment that she be allowed to go out on research vessels to collect samples like the male researchers did. At the time this was a bold condition, as it was considered unlucky for women to be a member of a ship's crew and social norms dictated that a woman should not be quartered with men on a ship for multiple days at a time. Dr. Beeton saw no problem with Ruth's demand and she was allowed to conduct research out on the Great Lakes. While hard to document, Ruth is believed to be the first woman to have worked on a research vessel on the Great Lakes. The opposition she faced wasn't just from some members of the crew, but from many of the wives of crew members who didn't like the idea that Ruth would be quartered on multi-day research trips with their husbands. Ruth not only faced this opposition on the Great Lakes, but also during a harrowing trip on a small vessel conducting research in the Bermuda Triangle where both the captain and first mate debated jumping overboard during a fierce storm they believed was brought about because of Ruth's presence on the ship. Ruth worked at the U.S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries (1963–1966); at the Center for Great Lakes Research at the University of Milwaukee-Wisconsin (1966–1976); and then at the College of Engineering Department of Atmospheric, Oceanic and Space Sciences at the University of Michigan from 1976 until her retirement. Ruth married Dr. Alfred M. Beeton in 1966 and had two sons, Jonathan and Daniel. Ruth and Alfred often worked together on Great Lakes research, and frequently collaborated on publications. Ruth conducted more than four decades of research throughout the Great Lakes basin, publishing under her maiden name, Ruth E. Holland, also a rarity at that time and often causing confusion at conferences and social functions. Notable publications include "Seasonal Fluctuations of Lake Michigan Diatoms" (1969) which focused on providing quantitative data on seasonal changes in diatom populations. Previous research had only focused on near-shore collection and Ruth's paper provided more comprehensive sampling of near-shore, open-lake, and bay-area diatom populations. "Seasonal fluctuations of major diatom species at five stations across Lake Michigan: May 1970-October 1972" (1980) also sought to fill in gaps in previous research by performing year-round sampling at frequent intervals, and from inshore as well as offshore (including mid-lake) waters and despite harsh winter conditions. This paper documented a significant peak of one species of diatom in February 1972, and higher concentrations of diatoms and phosphorus in nearshore samples vs. offshore. Ruth's research documented the significance of not relying on nearshore and/or seasonally limited sampling in future research. In 1993, Ruth published a paper that reached possibly her largest audience, "Changes in Planktonic Diatoms and Water Transparency in Hatchery Bay, Bass Island Area, Western Lake Erie Since the Establishment of the Zebra Mussel." This paper used samples Ruth had collected prior to the introduction of zebra mussels into Lake Erie with samples after their establishment in the lake. She found dramatically increased water transparency and a decrease in total planktonic diatoms and chlorophyll concentrations. This increased transparency allows more light to penetrate the water column, which can have cascading effects on the ecosystem, potentially disrupting the food web. Ruth was a devoted mother, shifting to a half-time, at-home work schedule so that she could dedicate herself to raising Jonathan and Daniel and so that she could be a step-mother to Alfred's daughters, Maureen, Heather, and Celeste. After regularly moving during her childhood, Ruth and Alfred put down roots and lived for over forty-five years in Ann Arbor. But Ruth was also an avid traveler, with visits to just about every state in the country and exposing Jonathan and Daniel to international travel at an early age. Ruth planned trips for her and Alfred to global destinations like Iceland; Turkey; Portugal; the Galápagos Islands; Peru; safaris in South Africa, Botswana and Namibia; cultural travel to Timbuktu; and an Antarctic exhibition. She also traveled with her brother Charles and his wife Shirley on several domestic river cruises. In later years, Ruth enjoyed annual trips with Alfred and then her son Jonathan's family to Ontario to attend the Stratford theater festival. Ruth and Alfred also built a getaway on a wooded lot on Tubbs Lake outside of Barryton, MI where they liked to go out on the Martiny Lakes in their small boat and enjoy nature. Ruth's time at St. Olaf College was very important to her and she proudly served as the class notes scribe for St. Olaf's Class of 1958 newsletter and attended multiple class reunions in Northfield, MN. Ruth spent much of the last six years of her life in Chevy Chase, MD outside Washington, DC to be closer to her son Jonathan, his wife Kathleen, and her granddaughters Anja and Brynn. She attended many of her granddaughters' soccer and baseball games and enjoyed going out to different restaurants, especially her favorite, Q by Peter Chang, where she dined almost weekly. Ruth was predeceased by her husband Alfred Beeton, her step-daughter Heather Fay, and her brothers Charles Holland (Shirley) and Carl Holland. Ruth is survived by her sons Jonathan (Kathleen) and Daniel (Amy Scanlon), her step-daughters Maureen Grimord Brinkerhoff (Jim) and Celeste Maronen, her sister in-law Sue Holland, her granddaughters Anja and Brynn, six step-grandchildren, and nine step-great grandchildren. Those wishing to honor Ruth can do so by reducing their impact on the environment, supporting science and science education, or by a financial contribution to the Association for the Sciences of Limnology and Oceanography (ASLO), the Stratford Festival, or your local NPR station. A remembrance of life will be held in her memory on November 2, 2025 from 2-4 p.m. at the Leslie Science & Nature Center, 1831 Traver Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48105.

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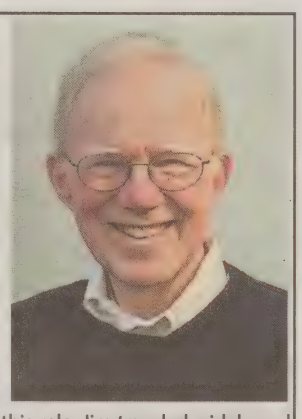

James Wallace Cook passed away at age 85 on October 14, 2025, in Ann Arbor, Michigan. He was surrounded by his family who loved him dearly. Born on June 22, 1940, in Huntington, West Virginia, Jim was the son of James Anthony Cook and Elizabeth Wallace Cook. His only sibling, Susan Holt, was deceased earlier this year.

Jim leaves behind his wife of 63 years, Constance Ewing Cook. He is also survived by his son, Jay Cook; daughter-in-law, Rita Chin, and their son; Oliver Chin Cook in Ann Arbor, as well as his daughter, Amy Glass; her husband, Mike Glass; and their five children: Kelsey, Robin, Sarah, Greg, and Aidan in New Mexico.

Jim grew up in West Virginia, and his favorite song was "Country Roads." His mother came from a central Virginia family near Charlottesville and his father from a Tennessee farm family near Nashville. Jim was raised not only by his parents but also by five doting aunts who prepared delicious Southern food for the extended family. His father and aunts ran the Cook Hardware Store in Huntington, where Jim worked every summer.

Jim was fortunate to attend Episcopal High School, an excellent private school in Alexandria, Virginia, before receiving a scholarship to Princeton University. There he lost most of his West Virginia twang. At Princeton, he and his seven roommates enjoyed lively college years together and continued to reunite and stay in touch throughout their lives. Jim graduated with a B.S. in Chemical Engineering and later went to Penn State for an M.S. in Nuclear Engineering. That was the era when people thought nuclear power was the wave of the future. Jim often told the story of meeting Robert Oppenheimer at Princeton and the enormous sense of possibility that he and his classmates felt about new discoveries in the field. Many of the Best and the Brightest went into nuclear engineering at that time.

In his diverse and influential career, Jim became a leader in the energy industry. He contributed to the design and development of multiple types of power plants -- first in the U.S. and then all over the world. Later, he went on to promote and develop alternative energy projects of many kinds.

His interest in energy had begun with a summer job in college working on the most advanced power plant in the U.S. He liked it so well that he chose as his first post-college employment the design of power plants for American Electric Power Company (AEP) in New York City. He eventually left AEP to work for Stone and Webster in Boston, but it became obvious in the 1970s that there would be no viable future in nuclear power during his lifetime. So, he jumped at the chance to leave nuclear power and become the Vice President for Strategic Planning at what is now Consumers Energy in Jackson, Michigan.

This was an important move, but it came with a big concern: Consumers Energy had an embattled nuclear power plant under construction in Midland, MI; and it was evident after the Three Mile Island accident that the company's future depended on the outcome of the Midland plant. Against his better judgment, Jim agreed to lead the completion of that project in 1980. By 1984, politics killed the plant, but Jim helped rescue the company by designing and leading the conversion of the nuclear plant to a gas combined cycle co-generation facility. This plant is still operating successfully today – in large part due to Jim's impressive ability to adapt to shifting conditions in the power industry.

In 1989, after two years with a D.C. risk assessment firm, Jim became the President of the Independent Power Subsidiary of CMS Energy, the parent company of Consumers Energy. In that role and later as the Corporate Senior Officer for Technology and Development, he embarked on international energy projects in India, West Africa, the Philippines, Chile, Spain, and Japan. In this role, Jim traveled widely and worked with government leaders across the globe.

Upon retirement from CMS in 2002, Jim redirected his boundless energy to community service in Ann Arbor, where he had lived since 1990. Jim contributed to numerous community organizations. He joined the University of Michigan Economic Dinner Group and served as a board member for the Ann Arbor Art Center, the Michigan Diabetes Association, the Ford School (then Institute) at the University of Michigan, and was Board Chair of the Washtenaw Chapter of the Red Cross. He also served as President of the Ann Arbor Rotary Club, where he tutored school kids in math, helped to develop the accessible playground at Gallup Park, raised funds for the Gates Foundation Polio Plus grants, and led the club in a major service project to support the Lingap Center for homeless children in the Philippines. He had a significant impact on Rotary's international humanitarian projects.

Jim's retirement did not last long. In addition to his multiple forms of community service, he became a consultant for a younger friend and colleague who was then establishing a development business in alternative energy. That company, Novi Energy, now builds successful cutting-edge energy projects around the world. Jim enjoyed his years working on these projects until Parkinson's began to catch up with him.

Jim's family life was a happy one. While an undergraduate at Princeton, he began a romance with Connie Ewing, who was then an undergraduate at Wellesley College. After many weekends traveling back and forth, they married after his graduation. As he wrote in his alumni bio, "The stabilizing factor in my life has been my incredible wife. Connie and I have been blessed with good health, a mutually supportive and loving relationship as we both pursued careers, and the good fortune to sire two wonderful children who produced grandchildren whom we love dearly." He said that his college roommates didn't understand how he "came to be quite so lucky in love." Jim was known to advise others that the key to a happy life was marrying the right woman – "like he did!" Together, Jim, Connie and their friends enjoyed extensive domestic and international travel, especially after retirement.

Throughout Jim's life, people remarked on his trademark smile; it was always warm and infectious, even as he struggled with Parkinson's. Friends and family enjoyed his playful sense of humor and enthusiasm for life, whether it was on the tennis court, the golf course, or cheering for his beloved Wolverines at Michigan football and basketball games for over 50 years. He was a fount of knowledge and could easily win trivia games with his expertise in many fields – from history and geography to sports and popular culture. Jim never did anything half-heartedly. As a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and friend, he was celebrated for his intellect, integrity, generosity, and good humor. His was a life well-lived.

In honor of Jim's legacy and in lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Arbor Hospice.

The family will host Jim's memorial service from 2-4pm on January 3, 2026 at Ann Arbor City Club.

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OBITUARIES

ELLISON, JANE C.
9/21/1931 - 10/15/2025
Chelsea, MI

Jane Caroline Ellison, age 94, of Chelsea, Michigan, passed away peacefully at her home on October 15, 2025. She was born on September 21, 1931, in Ann Arbor, Michigan, the daughter of Carl and Ida (Smith) Spiess. Jane married Herbert C. Ellison on October 8, 1949, and they lived in Ann Arbor, MI for many years where they raised their family. They retired to Tower, Minnesota and spent their winters in Zapata, Texas, eventually moving to Texas permanently. Herbert preceded her in death in 1998. Jane returned to Michigan to be closer to family, making her home in Chelsea for the past 12 years. Jane was an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Chelsea and the Chelsea Senior Center, where she formed many lasting friendships. She had a love for travel, exploring Michigan and much of the United States, and enjoyed reading, going out to dinner, and working with stained glass — creating gifts for her family and friends. She was also an avid University of Michigan football fan. Jane is survived by a son, Keith Ellison of Chelsea, and a daughter-in-law, Polly Ellison; four grandchildren: Aimee (Ken) Lilley of Virginia, Jenny (Derik) Bollinger of Chelsea, Brian (Alisha) Ellison of Chelsea, and Jimmy (Megan) Ellison of Grass Lake; and nine great-grandchildren: Marissa, Andrew, Vincent, Jacob, Brendon, Delaney, Cora, Hudson, and Ainsley. In addition to her husband, Herbert, she was preceded in death by a son, Michael J. Ellison, and a daughter, Patricia Baum. A private service will be held at a later date. She will be laid to rest next to her husband at Washtenong Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be made in Jane's honor to the Chelsea Senior Center. Arrangements by Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home, Chelsea.

NEWTON, JANET
SEPTEMBER 10, 1927 - OCTOBER 5, 2025
Ann Arbor

Janet "Jan" Newton (née Trautman) passed away on October 5, 2025, in Ann Arbor, MI, at Atria Park of Ann Arbor. Jan was born on September 10, 1927, in Salem, Ohio to Louis and Mary Trautman and spent her childhood in East Palestine, Ohio. Jan pursued a career in nursing, earning her diploma from the Salem City Hospital School of Nursing in about 1949. She remembered being so poor that she survived on peanut butter, which triggered a lifelong aversion to it!

Jan married Bud Newton in 1951, and they soon settled into the flow of 1950s and 60s suburban Ann Arbor life. Her early nursing career included several years in a medical surgical unit at the University of Michigan Hospital and nursing stints in Colorado where they briefly lived, before she stepped away from nursing to raise two sons, David and Mark. Once the boys entered middle school, Jan began a long and satisfying nursing career at The University of Michigan Student Health Center, caring for a long line of Michigan students in various capacities including intake and triage, general nursing, and counseling. Jan loved her work at there. During America's AIDS crisis in the 1980s, Jan took on the challenging task of counseling students both before they were tested for the HIV virus and after they received their results. Long after retiring, Jan still came back each fall—into her 80s—to give flu shots to hundreds of students arriving on campus.

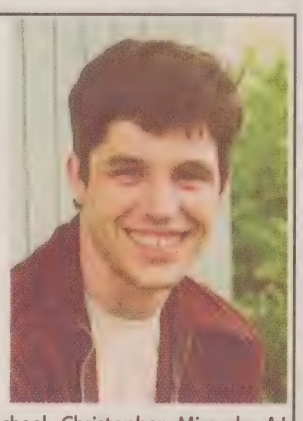
Jan maintained a sharp mind; she loved word search puzzles and was a consummate bridge player well into her 90s. She treasured Ann Arbor traditions like the July Art Fair, the Saturday Farmer's Market, and especially the Saturday institution of Michigan football games, which she attended for five decades with Bud, her husband of 57 years. Asked by a granddaughter in her final days what she liked best about all those Michigan games, she quipped, with her playful smile, "winning!"

Jan loved traditions. Her favorite one was hosting her family for the Christmas holidays. She cherished family rituals, including the annual Newton family reunion, and baking copious amounts of her special Chex mix and favorite Christmas cookies (which she deftly hid from her sons to ensure they lasted till Christmas.) Jan also had a soft spot for Washtenaw Dairy donuts and ice cream. She was very active and loved walking, as well as swimming laps, which she did well into her 90s at the Huron Valley Swim Club. But Jan's favorite tradition was spending time with her three grandkids Ben, Jessica and Lauren.

Jan is lovingly survived by her sons, Mark Newton of Sarasota, FL, and David Newton of Ann Arbor, and by Mark's former wife, Patricia Rideout of Ann Arbor, with whom she shared a warm relationship. Jan is also survived by grandchildren Ben Newton and his wife, Tess Meklir, of Shaker Heights, OH; Jessica Newton and her partner, Andy Goddeeris, of Detroit; and Lauren Newton Strong and her husband, Ben Strong, of Durham, NC. She also delighted in her great-grandchildren, Graham Meklir Newton, Cora Meklir Newton, and Fox Strong. Jan was preceded in death by her husband, Charles "Bud" Newton, and by her parents, Louis and Mary Trautman.

The family would like to thank the wonderful staff at Atria Park for the care and compassion they showed Jan during her stay in the memory care unit and her transition to hospice care. A memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Nurse's House (nurseshouse.org) to honor Jan.

FRENCH, WILLIAM
FEBRUARY 4, 1948 - OCTOBER 11, 2025
Dexter



William "Bill" French, of Dexter, Mich., passed away at age 77 on October 11, 2025, from pancreatic cancer. Bill served in the US Navy as a jet mechanic and worked for 28 years at The University of Michigan as a mechanical engineer. He had an encyclopedic knowledge of car history, which he used to spark up conversation with the outsider in any room or any stranger who parked something interesting nearby. Bill was generous with his time when his friends needed help, more creative than he ever took credit for, and devoted to his family. Bill is survived by his wife, Andrea (née Devine); sons John (kira), Adam (Andrea), and Lee (Deirdre); grandchildren Michael, Christopher, Miranda, AJ, and Addie; brother Mike (Caryl); and half-brother Ryan (Mandy). He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Gladys, and his stepmother, Jean. A celebration of life will be held on October 26 1-4 p.m. at the Dexter American Legion. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to https://pancan.org/.

HARES, DAVID
5/18/1952 - 9/30/2025
Saline, MI

David "Dave" Laurence Hares, age 73, of Saline, Michigan, passed from this world to heaven on Tuesday, September 30, 2025, after a 6-month battle with strokes. Dave died under hospice care at the home he shared with his wife, Susan, and two adult daughters, Ruth and Debbie. David was born in Corning, NY, on May 18, 1952, to George Bigelow Hares and Doris Mabel (Harrison) Hares. He married Susan Kay Erickson on June 20, 1981. For more information, including service information, or to sign Dave's online guestbook please visit www.rbfhsaline.com

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SHIELDS, MICHAEL
JUNE 1, 1940 - OCTOBER 14, 2025
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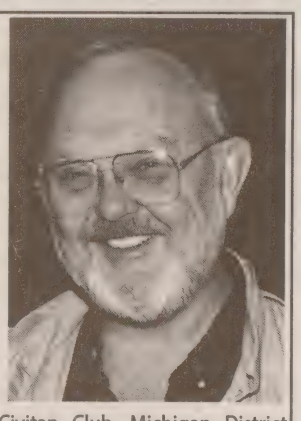

Michael Max Shields, 85, died peacefully in Ann Arbor, Michigan, on October 14, 2025.

He was born on June 1, 1940, in Flint, Michigan, to David Max Shields and Frances Alexander (McCall) Shields, and brother Joe (Marilyn). He graduated from the University of Michigan in 1966 and married the love of his life, Delores Sue Morgan, on December 17th, 1960.

Mike was a generous and loving man. His sense of humor was infectious. His dedication to friends and family made the world a better place. Mike will be deeply missed and will live in our hearts forever.

Mike had a strong sense of community. He was a career photography and art teacher at Huron High School in Ann Arbor. He took great pride in nurturing a creative and aesthetic sensibility in his students. He taught them to see the world differently and express their views in original and artistic images.

Mike also served his community civically by volunteering with Civitan International. He was elected president of the Ann Arbor Civitan Club, Michigan District Governor, and International Vice President. His accomplishments in Civitan included many community service projects, such as local, state, and international Special Olympics.

He is survived by his children, Jon (Stacy) Shields, Brian (Laura) Shields, and Brent Shields; Grandchildren, Alex and Austin; Great-grandchildren, Evie, Clayton, and Dublin.

Mike retired to Houghton Lake, where he loved to snowmobile, fish, golf, and BBQ for friends and family.

Mike will be cremated and interred next to Delores in the spring of 2026.

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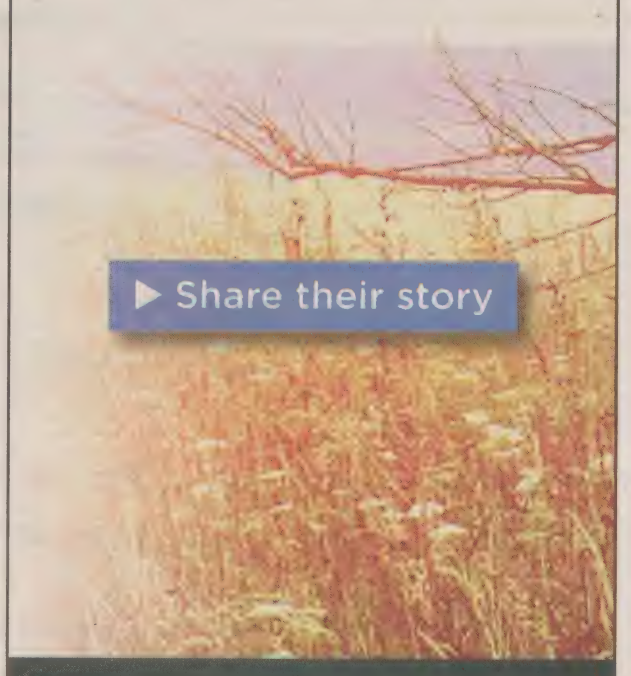

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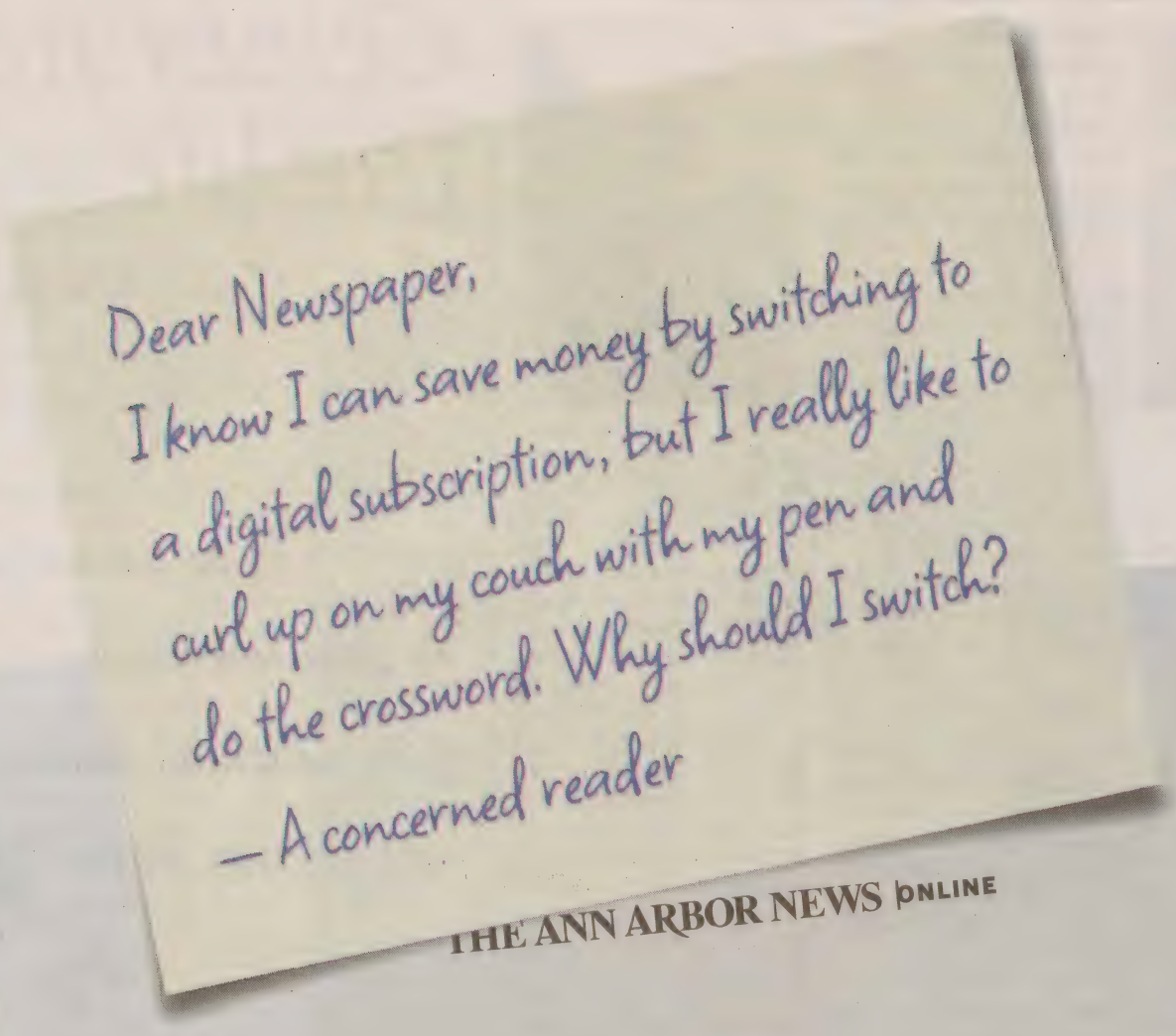

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Light up your living space with these bright solutions

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Whether our home is 100 years old or a new build, we often aren't using enough lighting.

Kaitlyn Keegan *Hartford Courant*

A gloomy, cloudy day makes you suddenly realize your home may be lacking in lighting.

Whether our home is 100 years old or a new build, we often aren't using enough lighting. Lighting is critical in your home, said Kellie Burke of Kellie Burke Interiors in West Hartford, Connecticut.

"During new construction, the majority of people do whatever the architect or builder suggests, which is typically random canned lighting or flush mounts," Burke said. "Gone are the days to just plop in recessed lights."

The opportunities and types of lights available have expanded exponentially over time during the explosion of LED bulbs. Since they run cooler than the old fluorescent bulbs, lights can be used anywhere in the home.

"It's all about how you want to feel in the space," Burke said. "You can use a bright, white color in the space or use dimmers to make a room moodier."

LED bulbs come in all kinds of colors and temperatures from cool, medium and dark to daylight white to warmer white or more of an orange tinge.

LIGHT IT UP

One of the biggest things Burke sees people do wrong is not using dimmers.

"Use lamps in different sizes, shapes and get dimmers," she said. "You can get ones with an on/off switch with extension cord with a dimmer. On a gloomy day, you can make the room much more bold. In the evening when entertaining, you can set it as a low mood rather than a bright, tasking feel."

To change up an existing light, Burke suggests homeowners retrofit cans to get better lighting in an area. She also said don't be afraid to use recessed lighting.

"People used to hate the dots in the ceiling," she said. "They are much more streamlined now and profiled."

Beside the typical recessed lighting, there are now longer, more linear LED lights to run under cabinets or as up-lighting along floors or kitchen toe kicks.

One chandelier in a room isn't enough, Burke said.

"Use some directional lights to hit artwork or specialty cabinets or any types of drapery or dark areas," she said. "If you take art off the gallery wall, it loses its passion. It needs to be illuminated properly. Think of a theater and what needs to be lit to get that wow factor."

When you're looking at a room, Burke suggests starting from the base up and working your way out when considering what needs light.

"Use hanging fixtures and sconces as mood lighting. These aren't tech lighting. It's the jewelry of the home and the little accent at the end," she said. "If you aren't doing construction, the more lamps the merrier."

If you have dead corners that are dark in a room, she suggests thinking of interesting ways to light them up, whether that be up-lights hidden behind a sofa or chair, lighting up a plant or a lamp on a table next to a sofa.

"Large lamps ... are very dramatic," Burke said. "I love taller lamps too when you can see through them. You can put a big, bulky lamp in a corner on a table with a sheer, light shade so the illumination can go through the whole lamp rather than just at the bottom."

Sconces are a tool many homeowners forget about.

"You can get plug in sconces so you don't need an electrician. They can come in brass or chrome finished covers," she said.

EASE OF USE

One of the modern technologies that have come available are smart bulbs. These make it particularly easy to turn lights on and off.

"Use battery-operated candle lights on timers," Burke said. "In the middle of the night, candles pop on and give an extra level of light and don't compete in the space."

Smart bulbs and smart switches make it easy to dim the lights and control the mood.

"You could have an older home with 19 million switches and the smart switches make it easy to add lighting and allow you to dim the lights from your smartphone," Burke said.

DESIGN TRENDS

Burke said two strong trends are coming through.

"One trend is very industrial, very modern lighting and mixing it into an old-world home," she said. "You can mix trendy, sleek, linear sconces with no bulbs into an older home."

The other trend takes a bit of searching through antique shops.

"People are getting very antique, vintage lights and rewiring them," she said. "They go to secondhand stores and look for these gorgeous lights and add a new shade or add a dimmer for a more modern look."

However you do it, Burke said layers of light is the important thing to remember.

"It's a design feature rather than just for task," she said. "You need lighting to make your room sparkle. It can make a home more dramatic and also tell your home's story."

HOMES

Warm-toned honey oak is moving back into our homes

The warm-toned wood is once again finding its way into kitchens and onto floors and furniture.

Rachel Kurzius *Washington Post*

Oasis fever sweeping the globe. Spaghetti straps and slip skirts galore. With '90s style in vogue, it's no wonder that another once-derided trend from that era is experiencing a resurgence. Welcome back, honey oak.

The warm-toned wood is once again finding its way into kitchens and onto floors and furniture. But designers are calling it something new to counter their clients' aversion to the phrase "honey oak" and its connotations with a dated, overly matchy-matchy aesthetic.

"When I'm describing it, I always just say it's a 'natural oak,' " says David Ries, principal at Ries Hayes Interiors in New York City. "We're very aware of the hang-up, so yeah, we're using other words to get people to move beyond it."

However clients may feel about the descriptor, they gravitate toward the look. When they tell Ries they want a "spa-like" or natural feel in their homes and he presents them with options, they tend to select the honey oak materials.

"There's a huge shift in going to things that feel very, very natural, very handmade," he says. "I think a honey oak just ties so beautifully into that whole aesthetic, that whole kind of maker look, because it feels so grounded. It's soothing, and I think that is what everybody's wanting right now."

Honey oak definitively fell out of favor by the Great Recession, which coincided with the Great Gray-ing of interiors. The boom in home flipping brought gray walls, gray floors, gray decor. Cool tones took over, leaving little room for a warmer palette.

Now the color wheel of time has turned again. People seek "that natural warm feel," says Cathleen Gruver, lead interior designer at Gruver Cooley in Purcellville, Virginia. "You really want your space to feel inviting and comfortable."

Plus, the millennial gray homes that people purchased more than a decade ago have aged, literally and aesthetically, says Julie Jones, owner of Julie Jones Designs. "There's wear and tear now, let's say on the flooring, on the cabinetry; they've got to replace these things anyway, and they don't want what was in style 10 years ago," she says.

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Enter honey oak — er, natural oak. The new name isn't just rebranding. This isn't quite the honey oak that naysayers remember from the '90s.

"It's the same wood, but the finish is different, the shape, the texture, like we're kind of playing with it in a more modern way," says Sara Swabb, founder and creative director of Storie Collective in Washington D.C.

Old-school honey oak kitchen cabinetry had ornate paneling and decorative trim. "Something like that gives it that kind of dated feel. And now we're seeing the honey oak with more of a flat panel," she says. "It's pairing that traditional warmth of the honey oak with a modern spin on form and shape."

While a satin finish gives older versions more of a sheen, "right now we're using more of like a matte finish, which is just giving the nod to the wood and the texture without the shine, and that helps soften" it, adds Swabb.

Honey oak cabinets in the '90s were often accompanied by honey oak floors and honey oak trim, too. Designers today are much more interested in mixing it up.

That's because the tone is a "team player," Ries says. "It's very easy to build palettes on it. It's very easy also to introduce color." This is especially true of honey oak on floors: "It complements really anything" without absorbing too much light, he says.

"Balance it with deep hues, layering textures," Swabb says. The surrounding materials could either be "a deep contrast," such as a dark, rich color, or a "more gentle touch," like white. "They don't need to also bring the energy. That honey oak's gonna do it for us, you know?"

Many of Jones's clients are people who have honey oak-filled homes and either don't have the budget or don't want to deal with the inconvenience of changing it all. Her mantra: "All right, let's embrace it," she says. "Honey oak itself is a mid-tone color. So if I bring lights in and I bring darks in, it usually complements it."

GARDEN

Rainwater harvesting grows to nourish thirsty gardens in a hotter world

Home gardeners and landscapers are increasingly using collected rainwater to nourish their plants amid worsening drought and rising temperatures.

Anita Snow *Associated Press*

Rainwater harvesting expert Brad Lancaster poses at his outdoor home kitchen in Tucson, Arizona, on Aug. 1. *Photos by Anita Snow, AP*

Rain chains that direct water from atop buildings into storage containers, hang from the wall of The Rain Store in Arizona.

A pitcher of rainwater appears for visitors touring the nonprofit Watershed Management Group in Tucson.

A water collection tank sits alongside an enclosure for chickens at the nonprofit Watershed Management Group site.

Nothing makes Brad Lancaster happier than a monsoon downpour.

The tall 58-year-old jumped like a kid in the puddles on the sidewalk one recent August afternoon after a half-inch of rain suddenly fell in Tucson, Arizona, during an especially dry summer.

"Sweet!" Lancaster exclaimed, beaming when he saw how the water pooled in a basin he had dug earlier in dirt planted with native vegetation along the public walkway.

"It's really important that you are ready to plant the rain when it comes, even if it is a small amount," he said, referring to a simple type of rainwater harvesting that involves digging a hole to allow rainwater to sink underground and be held like a sponge. "The key is to collect every drop of it."

In the U.S. Southwest and beyond, home gardeners and landscapers are increasingly using collected rainwater to nourish their rose bushes and cactus gardens amid worsening drought and rising temperatures fueled by global warming.

Lancaster and other rainwater harvesting specialists say home gardeners anywhere can benefit from collecting raindrops and runoff from buildings and other surfaces to irrigate plants, even in wetter regions where the practice is less common.

Rainwater collecting is widespread in many of Earth's driest regions. In Australia, it's often used for drinking water, bathing and flushing toilets. And in Africa — where Lancaster said he learned more about the practice — it helps communities survive.

Saving the rain is also useful in southern Arizona, which is under pressure from a long-running drought. It's drier than ever, with Tucson receiving less than half of the about 7 inches of rain it usually sees by the first week of September.

Some of the heaviest rainfalls in Arizona and other parts of the U.S. Southwest occur in the summer, during the annual North American monsoon season.

As much as two-thirds of residential water in the desert city is used outdoors, said Adriana Zuniga, an associate research professor in environmental policy programs at the University of Arizona.

"The idea is to use less water from the tap to irrigate," she said.

Rainwater harvesting is by no means a modern revolution.

Zuniga, who has researched water use of the Maya people who lived in what is now Central America and southeastern Mexico, noted that the ancient civilization captured rainwater to survive dry, hot summers.

"It should be fundamental to how we live in the Southwest and ultimately everywhere else in the coming years in the face of climate change," said Tucson landscaper Eli Nielsen, who co-owns a store that sells rainwater harvesting products including rain chains that guide water from atop buildings.

Looking to create a rain collection system of your own? Here's how to start:

EDUCATE YOURSELF

Find out if your state has restrictions on rainwater harvesting or requires a permit due to environmental or health and safety considerations. A tool created by the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory in collaboration with the Federal Energy Management Program can help.

See if your city or county water department has a program that encourages rainwater harvesting or has other resources. Your local community college or cooperative extension office may have educational programs offering guidance.

In the case of Tucson, the city water department offers rebates of up to $2,000 for residential rain collection systems. It works with the local nonprofit Watershed Management Group to provide free 2½-hour classes residents must take to design a collection system that qualifies for a rebate.

One class anyone can attend virtually is the Essential Rain Water Course, offered for free on YouTube. It is co-hosted by water harvesting authority Peter Coombes, an honorary professor at the Australian National University and managing director of the independent think tank Urban Water Cycle Solutions, and Michelle Avis, co-founder of the Canadian organization Verge Permaculture.

Many proponents of collecting precipitation say the most authoritative book on the subject is Lancaster's "Rainwater Harvesting for Drylands and Beyond," along with a second volume published later. Lancaster also offers free resources to the public on his website.

MAKE A PLAN

Decide how ambitious you want to be.

Few people are going to be as dedicated to collecting the rain as Lancaster, said Hsin-I Chang, an assistant research professor in hydrology and atmospheric sciences at the University of Arizona. She gives Lancaster credit for the practice's popularity in Tucson.

Active harvesting systems use storage tanks, pipes and sometimes pumps. But simpler passive systems are low-tech and work by shaping the landscape with basins and other contouring alongside trees and other foliage. That allows rainwater to gather and then sink underground to recharge aquifers and nourish thirsty plants nearby.

"It's very easy to get started with contouring," Chang said, noting that active systems can be more expensive to set up and maintain.

LOOKING FOR MORE HELP?

If you need assistance, consider hiring a landscaper with experience in harvesting systems. You can also seek out master gardeners at local nurseries or home improvement stores.

And you can look to Lancaster for inspiration, tapping into the joy he expresses every time the rain falls.

GARDEN WAPPINGERS FALLS, N.Y.

How to grow a giant pumpkin, with help from science

Adithi Ramakrishnan and Shelby Lum
Associated Press

A measuring tape encircles Tony Scott's 1,931-pound pumpkin in Wappingers Falls, New York, on Sept. 17. *Shelby Lum, AP*

The pumpkin in Tony Scott's backyard weighs almost as much as a small car.

He has been tending to it for months, feeding it fertilizer and covering it with a blanket at night to keep it at a stable temperature. A roll of measuring tape wrapped around the pumpkin gives him a rough estimate of its size.

"I've never seen anything grow this fast," said Scott, a semiconductor engineer from upstate New York.

Every year, growers like Scott push their pumpkins to the limit. They compete in annual weigh-offs with colossal fruits that are well over 2,000 pounds. Scott's pumpkin took third place this year, coming in at 1,931 pounds. The winner was 2,819 pounds.

Pumpkins aren't the only crops that can get giant. Other members of the gourd family like squashes, cucumbers and watermelons are capable of a similar feat. But the orange behemoths are especially massive and have earned a place of honor at fall festivals and Halloween fairs.

HOW TO GROW A GIANT PUMPKIN

A giant pumpkin starts off as the perfect seed. Growers choose seeds that have yielded large pumpkins in the past or test new ones. Many growers rely on the tried-and-true Atlantic Giant pumpkin seeds.

After that, it comes down to the right combination of water, nutrients and care.

Giant pumpkins can guzzle hundreds of gallons of water in a day and make their own food from sunlight just like regular-sized plants do. Their internal plumbing system is more robust, allowing them to drink up sugary water and nutrients faster.

As the leafy patch begins to expand, growers remove smaller pumpkins so all the water and nutrients funnel into a single fruit.

"That helps make it extra big in a way that you might not see in the wild," said Aleca Borsuk, a plant scientist at the New York Botanical Garden.

Because of gravity, giant pumpkins grow wide but not tall. Scott's pumpkin is also lighter in color because he covers it with a tarp during the day, protecting it from sunlight which can ripen and harden the skin. He waters it using an overhead sprinkler system.

CAN PUMPKINS GROW FOREVER?

"The answer is no," Borsuk said. No matter how big a pumpkin gets, it'll eventually mature and its natural aging cycle will kick in.

Scott has nurtured giant pumpkins for eight years. It still blows his mind watching them inflate, putting on around 40 pounds to 50 pounds a day. He sets up reflective panels and even a fake wolf cutout to ward off hungry deer and other intruders looking for an orange-colored snack. Woodchucks have nibbled on the pumpkin's vines in previous years.

After the all-important weighing competition, Scott shows off the giant pumpkin at various themed events and drives it around on a trailer. Eventually, he donates it to be displayed or carved. On the way to events, he often gets stopped by people who ask what he's got in the back.

"The first question they ask is, 'Is it real?'" Scott said. "Where would you buy a fake pumpkin this big?"

LIFE

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ASK THE PEDIATRICIAN

Caffeine affects kids differently. Here's what parents should know.

Caffeine is a stimulant that boosts alertness, energy and brain activity. A child's growing body and brain are more sensitive to its affects.

Dr. Mark Corkins *American Academy of Pediatrics*

A cup of coffee or tea in the morning or an afternoon caffeine pick-me-up is usually fine for most adults. But parents might want to take a closer look at caffeine and other ingredients in the drinks their kids love.

Many popular beverages that kids go to for quick energy have a surprising amount of caffeine. Some drinks have other stimulants, too. These energy-boosting ingredients quickly add up in a smaller body.

Caffeine-related visits to U.S. emergency departments nearly doubled among middle and high school students between 2017 and 2023. In 2023, poison control centers recorded a 24% rise in calls about young people with reactions to energy drinks.

Here's what parents and caregivers need to know about caffeine — and how to guide children and teens toward healthy drinks.

THERE IS NO BIOLOGICAL NEED FOR CAFFEINE

Caffeine is a stimulant that boosts alertness, energy and brain activity. Coffee and cacao beans, tea leaves, guarana berries and kola nuts are all natural sources of this drug, but it can also be made in the lab and added to foods, drinks and medicines.

A child's growing body and brain are more sensitive to their stimulation by caffeine.

Caffeine side effects can include fast or irregular heartbeat, elevated blood pressure, rapid breathing, anxiety, nausea, restlessness, diarrhea, and sleep loss

Caffeine can stay in the body for more than 8 hours, depending on a person's metabolism. And it can get in the way of other nutrients that help kids grow.

Caffeine can stay in the body for more than 8 hours, depending on a person's metabolism. When the caffeine wears off, children may have a headache and feel irritable or tired.

Caffeine can get in the way of other nutrients that help kids grow. They may eat less fruit, vegetables, lean protein and healthy grains after filling up on soda, energy drinks, protein bars and other ultra-processed foods with caffeine.

Caffeine affects kids' sleep. Not getting enough sleep or not sleeping well or long enough can affect thinking, mood, digestion and ability to avoid getting sick. Sleep loss leads to school struggles and robs kids of the energy they need for activities they enjoy.

Studies suggest that some kids are more sensitive to caffeine than others but we need more research to fully answer this question. Research has found that males were more likely to visit the emergency department for caffeine-related symptoms than females. Kids with heart or lung conditions may also be extra-sensitive to the stimulation of caffeine, since it speeds up breathing and heart rate. Kids who take stimulant medications for attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder or to treat other conditions may have sleep problems, irritability and mood shifts when they consume caffeine.

The American Academy of Pediatrics says avoiding caffeine is the best choice for all kids. Families should keep food, drinks and medicines with caffeine out of reach.

For most adults, having less than 400 milligrams of caffeine per day is generally not associated with side effects. Talk to your doctor if you are pregnant or breastfeeding. People with some health conditions or who take certain medications may be more sensitive to caffeine.

Classic coffee mugs hold about 10 ounces. Super-sized coffee drinks are often 16 to 20 ounces and can have up to 490 milligrams of caffeine (already over the 400 mg level for adults). Iced, chilled and frozen coffee drinks also contain caffeine. A 13.7-ounce bottled Starbucks Frappuccino has 110 mg of caffeine and a Dunkin' Iced Coffee has 197 mg of caffeine.

PACKING A DANGEROUS PUNCH

Energy drinks can pack a dangerous punch in the caffeine department. This might be why so many labels carry warnings that the drink is meant for adults only. Yet they come in fruity, candy-like flavors that appeal to kids. Some drinks are sugar-free, but others have a high amount of sugar that can amplify the effects of the drink. Energy drinks with caffeine may also have other ingredients like taurine, guarana, ginseng and L-carnitine.

Some sodas are a source of caffeine as well. A (12-ounce serving): Pepsi Zero Sugar (38 mg), Diet Coke (46 mg), Mountain Dew (54 mg) and Mountain Zevia (55 mg).

Caffeine can hide out in foods, too. A 3.5-ounce dark chocolate bar might have anywhere from 50 to 150 mg of caffeine. Ice cream, protein bars, chocolate chips, energy bars and even chewing gum can have hidden caffeine. Nutrition labels do not have to list caffeine content.

Prescription and over-the-counter drugs such as medicines for migraine headaches, menstrual (period) discomfort, nasal congestion or muscle pain may have caffeine

Pouches also can contain caffeine. Caffeine pouches are small packets that are placed in the mouth between the gums and cheek or between the lips. They come in a variety of flavors that appeal to teens. The contents dissolve and the caffeine is quickly absorbed into the bloodstream. The effects are felt in minutes, making it easy to get a sudden, large and potentially dangerous dose of caffeine.

Pouches may contain as much as 200 mg of caffeine. They look like nicotine pouches, which are restricted for sale to people age 21 years and older. However, there are no such age restrictions on the sale of caffeine pouches.

The best way to steer kids away from caffeine is to talk with them about making healthy choices. Encourage them to drink water and make sure they are getting enough sleep. The stimulation of caffeine is not a substitute for sleep. Teach kids to trust the signals their bodies are sending them.

A caffeine overdose can be dangerous. Get medical help immediately if your child had a large amount of caffeine and symptoms such as racing or irregular heartbeat, fast breathing, body shakes that your child can't control (tremors), anxious feelings or the inability to sit still (hyperactivity).

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HEALTH

Fitness changes as you age. Here's how to change with it.

Morayo Ogunbayo *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*

Throughout life's many stages, finding — and sticking to — a fitness routine can be complicated. Whether you struggle to find the right time or place, it seems like there's always something hindering you from getting that perfect schedule down.

As you age, this can become even more complicated. The workouts may not come as easy as they used to. Certain times of day that used to be optimal now lead to discomfort. Maybe finding a new spot to workout after a move to a new community is difficult.

These problems, however, should never stop you from pursuing your fitness goals.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the benefits of a consistent workout routine may be even greater for people 65 or older. It can improve older adults' sleep quality, anxiety levels and blood pressure. The CDC says consistent fitness can assist in cancer prevention, maintaining a healthy weight and living independently longer. As your body changes, your fitness routine should change, too. Follow these tips to continue exercising.

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Monitor your condition closely: If the workouts you have always done seem harder now, that may be a sign that your body can no longer do the same things safely. To continue working your body in similar ways, monitor your condition as you workout.

One simple way is to use a talk test, as described by Dr. Michael Kraft, assistant professor in the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine at Emory University.

"Make sure you're able to talk throughout the activity," Kraft said. "If you start to become breathless, you're starting to go up into the higher heart rate zones."

Start physical activity slowly and gradually work your way up to your limit: According to the National Institute of Aging, this can reduce injury and help "build confidence, motivation, and a regular routine."

Take your medical conditions into account: Medical conditions or injuries may affect your workout routine in some way. Take those conditions into account even if you feel well. As you age, your body reacts also differently to heat. And some medications can increase dehydration.

Lean into the gadgets: Smart watches, heart rate monitors and other workout gadgets can keep you safe while you exercise.

Invest in a good heart monitoring watch that checks for blood pressure, blood glucose and heart rate. With these tools, you can know exactly how your body is reacting to each workout you throw at it.

At-home fitness bikes, treadmills and walking pads can also be beneficial in providing a safe place for you to consistently workout, no matter the weather conditions.

Don't settle on one activity: There may have been one fitness activity you stuck to throughout your life, consistently training in it until you were your very best. As you age, it's better to diversify your workouts.

The NIA suggests older adults engage in a "combination of aerobic, muscle-strengthening, and balance activities" weekly. Everything from swimming to dancing to gardening can be a fitness activity — creating a new balanced routine.

LIFE

This woman turned a 'death sentence' animal shelter into a place of hope

Courtney Proctor Cross is director of the Huntington Cabell Wayne Animal Control Shelter in Huntington, West Virginia. *Huntington Cabell Wayne Animal Control Shelter*

In Huntington, a city where more than 27% of the population lives below the poverty line, public services have long been financially strained, including for animals.

Sydney Page *Washington Post*

The first day Courtney Proctor Cross walked into Huntington, West Virginia's municipal animal shelter as its new director, she saw a dog in a crate barking frantically, standing up to his ankles in urine.

Dogs and cats were crammed into overcrowded wire crates, many with no water in the late-summer heat. Some of the cats had died; others were barely hanging on.

"It was a nightmare," Proctor Cross said of that day in 2018. "We had no idea we were going to find this horrific scene, but that's what it was."

She helped ensure that barking dog got adopted — and thousands of others.

Before Proctor Cross arrived, the shelter was euthanizing between 50% and 75% of the animals that came in, she said, many of them healthy and adoptable, because they didn't have the funding or space to care for them.

In Huntington, a city where more than 27% of the population lives below the poverty line, public services have long been financially strained, including for animals.

"I couldn't even stand to drive by the shelter," said Proctor Cross, who was an elementary schoolteacher for 30 years. "Just looking at their little faces and knowing what was going to happen to most of them, it was really painful to think about."

Before becoming the executive director of the Huntington Cabell Wayne Animal Control Shelter, Proctor Cross volunteered with One by One Animal Advocates, a local rescue group that often clashed with the shelter's leadership.

"They would put a lot of restrictions on us," said Heather Aulick, president of the rescue group. "There were times they said our rescue couldn't pull any animals. They wanted to keep it all under wraps because most people didn't realize how bad it was."

Volunteers walked dogs at the shelter, only to return later and find the animals euthanized, Aulick said.

"You would walk a happy, wonderful dog one day and go back the next and they would have killed him for no reason," Aulick said. "That was just how they operated."

'WHAT WE WERE SEEING AT THE SHELTER WAS JUST PITIFUL'

Proctor Cross — who has seven dogs of her own — decided to apply to run the shelter.

Steve Williams, the mayor of Huntington at the time, had been seeking new leadership when Proctor Cross put her name forward. He welcomed the idea.

"We were scraping every penny that we could to be able to get it into the shelter," Williams said. "What we were seeing at the shelter was just pitiful."

He thought new leadership — specifically, Proctor Cross — might help the situation. While a lack of funding was one issue, Williams said, the community wanted a different approach to shelter overcrowding. Rather than automatically euthanizing, they wanted the shelter to work with people who had fallen on hard times and did not have the resources to care for their pets. "The people who were running it really didn't have the heart for it," he said. "They thought nothing about euthanizing these animals."

Proctor Cross was named director of the shelter in August 2018. She inherited not just financial woes and overcrowding, but also an aging building infested with mice and roaches, with poor ventilation and few windows.

"The first several years, we were slogging through every day," Proctor Cross said. "There were so many things wrong financially, in addition to the condition of the building and how the animals had been cared for. Getting all of that turned around was very much like trying to paddle upstream."

To bring change, Proctor Cross pushed for more government funding, secured corporate sponsorships and grants and created the Western West Virginia Animal Alliance, a nonprofit that supports the shelter. She used social media to promote adoptable pets and partnered with local rescues, including One by One Animal Advocates and Advocates Saving Adoptable Pets. She also transformed an abandoned school building across the street into a second shelter space, which includes a surgical unit funded by a foundation in Boston. Her husband stepped in to help manage the shelter's finances, and volunteers and animal advocates rallied around her leadership.

3,000 PETS A YEAR

There are usually 350 to 400 animals in the shelter at a time, and the shelter generally takes in about 3,000 pets a year. It returns some to their owners, adopts out about a third of them, and sends the rest to rescues, Proctor Cross said. Less than 3% are euthanized, and only in cases where they are severely ill or overly aggressive, she said.

"We're doing everything in our power to keep from doing that," Proctor Cross said.

Under Proctor Cross's leadership, the shelter is now designated as "no-kill," meaning a 90% placement rate for animals.

"It's been a collective effort from me, the community and the rescue groups," Proctor Cross said. "We have a lot of support from people who really care."

Shelter staff credit Proctor Cross with leading the change. They say she's known for answering her phone at all hours of the day and night.

"She will never tell people how much she gives and how much she does with so little," said Lee Domaszowec, a chief strategist at a nonprofit consulting company, who helped Proctor Cross develop fundraising and volunteer strategies.

"She really has built a great team that has grossly exceeded expectations," Domaszowec said. "If there were more people like her, even one in every community, our country would be a much better place."

Lisa Krasnow, who worked in the shelter office from 2018 to 2022 and is now a volunteer, said the transformation is remarkable.

"The old shelter, when you would walk in and surrender a dog, it was pretty much a death sentence," Krasnow said.

But with Proctor Cross at the helm, she said, everything is different.

"Courtney has a vision, and she has a dream," Krasnow said. "She just doesn't quit. She goes above and beyond."

Proctor Cross — who reinvests most of her salary into the shelter — regularly drives employees without transportation to and from work, Krasnow said, and accompanies them to doctors' appointments and court hearings when they ask.

HONORING HER PARENTS

Proctor Cross said her dedication to the shelter is a way to honor her parents, both animal lovers who died in the 1970 crash of Southern Airways Flight 932, which killed 75 people, including 37 members of the nearby Marshall University football team. Proctor Cross was 6 years old. Her father was a doctor for the team.

Proctor Cross grew up in Huntington, surrounded by animals: dogs, cats, rabbits, guinea pigs and fish. She returned to Huntington to attend Marshall University.

"I always felt this connection to Huntington, and it made me feel closer to my parents," she said.

ANIMALS

Tips for taking your pets on the road when you travel

Lynn O'Rourke Hayes
Tribune News Service

There is no need to leave your furry friends behind when planning travel. Fortunately, pet-friendly lodging and restaurants are plentiful.

Here are ideas to consider.

'RUFFING' IT IN RHODE ISLAND

Your very important pet is sure to enjoy a getaway to Newport, Rhode Island, where the VIP Pet Package at the Newport Harbor Island Resort promises deluxe amenities and a welcome smile. Your pup will receive is gifted a lobster toy, a gourmet pineapple treat, a travel water bottle and bowl and a souvenir tote bag. You can also expect eco-friendly waste bags and a sticker to commemorate the trip. And because dogs shop along with their owners, some folks will appreciate discounts at the nearby Wag Nation Pet Boutique. *For more: newportharborisland.com*

PAW-FECT ON THE POTOMAC

No need to leave Fido behind when you visit our nation's capital. It's a great walking city, so bring the stroller, the leashes and lots of energy. Consider a stay in D.C.'s vibrant Wharf area, where views of the Potomac layered with history-focused outings make for great memories. You'll be near the Washington Monument, the Mall and many Smithsonian Museums.

Pet-friendly Canopy by Hilton Washington D.C. The Wharf (as well as all Canopy by Hilton hotels) offers dog beds and water and food bowls. You can also expect local guides featuring canine-friendly neighborhood spots you will want to check out. Ask about the Paws Perks program for Very Important Pups, with welcome gifts that include a Bark Box toy and all-natural treats. *For more: hilton.com*

CANINES IN COLORADO

Your outdoor-loving dog would be disappointed if the active family vacationed in Colorado without him or her. So when you head to the foothills of the Front Range, pack Fido's favorite gear and check in to the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs.

Your pup can expect a warm welcome and the chance to rest in a luxury pet bed after an active day. There will be food and water dishes and a special treat upon arrival. The sprawling and scenic grounds make for a great neighborhood to explore. *For more: broadmoor.com*

TRAVEL WELL

If your pet isn't accustomed to car or plane travel, introduce a USDA-approved pet carrier well before your departure date.

Toss a favorite toy or familiar object into the carrier and take a spin within familiar territory.

If flying, be sure the carrier is airline-compliant and sturdy enough to make the trip. Along the way, make sure your pet has access to clean, fresh water throughout your travels.

Just like the human body, a pet's consists of 80% water. And, just like humans, your pets need as much exercise away from home as they do in their own environment at home..

On the road, make plenty of stops to allow every member of your family to stretch their legs and breathe fresh air.

FAMILY

This dad writes letters to strangers who need father figures

His daughter named the volunteer-run group the Dad Letter Project and started a website after her TikTok went viral in July.

Kyle Melnick *Washington Post*

Buz Ecker has written thousands of letters to his children, other family members, friends and strangers. *Rosie Paulik*

Paulik holds some of the letters her father has written to her. *Rosie Paulik*

Ecker and Paulik in the 1990s. *Family photo*

On a whim, Rosie Paulik posted on TikTok about her father, who had recently gotten a PhD and was "wondering what to do next."

"He loves writing letters more than most people love their kids," she wrote in a caption on her video, explaining that he has written her a letter every day, through "college, camp, adulthood."

"Would you want a letter from my dad?" Paulik asked. "Or know someone who could use a little kindness from a retired professor with a killer signature and a fountain pen?"

Paulik expected a few people to respond. Instead, hundreds did.

"My dad is so excited," Paulik said of her father, Buz Ecker, 67.

Ecker and other dads Paulik has recruited have since spent hours writing to strangers looking for pick-me-ups — including to many whose fathers have died. Paulik named the volunteer-run group the Dad Letter Project and started a website after her TikTok went viral in July.

The website says: "Mail That'll Make You Smile (or Cry, in a Good Way)."

"It's very gratifying to be people's fathers who don't have one," Ecker said. "And it's very gratifying to write a letter to people who have never gotten a letter from a father."

Amy Woods was scrolling on her phone last month, trying to take her mind off the four-year anniversary of her father's death, when Paulik's TikTok appeared.

Woods sent Paulik her address in Chatham, England, and a blurb about her father, though she said she didn't expect she would get a letter. But a few weeks later, a letter arrived with an airmail tag. Woods cried when she read the letter, written by a stranger about 4,000 miles away in Michigan.

"It really reminded me of how much — oh, I feel like I'm going to cry saying it now — of how much love I have for my dad," said Woods, 41.

Hundreds of people worldwide have had similar reactions this summer when they received letters from men whom they have never met. Requests picked up — again — in mid-August after ABC News wrote a story about the project.

A HISTORY OF LETTERS

Ecker grew up receiving letters. His mother, Peg, wrote him hundreds when he went to sleepaway camp and when he studied English at Denison University in Granville, Ohio, in the 1970s. When it was time for Ecker's three children to attend sleepaway camp, Ecker wrote them letters, too.

"HI ROSIE!!!" Ecker wrote in June 2005, when Paulik was at camp in Traverse City, Michigan. "I LOVE YOU AND I ALREADY MISS YOU A TON!" Any day a letter wasn't delivered, Paulik figured someone at camp wasn't doing their job.

Ecker wrote to Paulik when she was a teen counselor at a wilderness camp in International Falls, Minnesota, and when she studied communication at the University of Kentucky in the mid-2010s — even as many people shifted to texting to communicate. Paulik moved back to the Cincinnati area — about a 20-minute drive from Ecker's house — and he still wrote her daily letters.

Ecker typically wrote about mundane things, like what kind of sandwich he ate for lunch. Or more exciting events, like when a swarm of hornets attacked him. Sometimes he took breaks telling narratives to include live dialogue with his wife, Betsy, writing, "Hold on, she's talking to me."

Paulik, 30, keeps thousands of her dad's letters in a red bin in her Anderson Township, Ohio, home. During the coronavirus pandemic, she and her dad had a viral moment on the internet when Humans of New York told their story.

People who requested letters in recent weeks were dealing with a variety of issues — they were grieving loved ones' deaths, had bad relationships with their dads, had recently become dads and didn't know what to do, felt lost, were stressed from work or were recovering from a breakup.

Ecker wakes up around 4:30 a.m. to write for about four hours each morning. He tells stories about his parents and his grief when they died. But he also includes light anecdotes, like how Paulik's cat used to attack his dad's toes and how his dogs, Pearl and Piper, love to escape and cover themselves in burrs and mud at a nearby river.

He has struggled to respond to some problems. When he wrote to a woman whose child died, he told her about his grandmother, Evelyn, having a stillborn child in 1918.

While some requesters laud Ecker for spearheading the project, the longtime jokester reminds them that he has problems too, like feeling more absent-minded after receiving his PhD at the start of this year, getting lost on drives and failing to resist jumping out of the closet to prank his wife.

ACROSS THE GLOBE

When people outside the United States requested letters, Paulik told her dad she would end the project if it was costing him too much money. But Ecker was excited to reach people across the globe. He has written about half of the roughly 350 letters the project has mailed. It has more than 1,600 requests in the queue.

Ecker doesn't know how much money he has spent on his project, saying that the costs are less than the "gratification that people receive and that I receive out of writing the letters." In early August, after Ecker received his first of a handful of thank-you letters from requesters, Paulik's mother texted her: "You made your father's day."

Paulik, who works in communications, hopes to register the project as a nonprofit and recruit more volunteers.

She has found more than a dozen dads to help Ecker, including Darren Timmeney, her friend's father in Kalamazoo, Michigan, who used to drop encouraging notes into his son's and daughter's lunch boxes before school. After retiring from his banking career in June, Timmeney was seeking a new hobby.

Now, "I wake up in the morning a little bit more motivated," said Timmeney, 64.

He has motivated others, too. Timmeney wrote the letter to Woods, including the line that made Woods cry at her kitchen table: "As a dad, I am proud of you and think you wondering and thinking about your hippie artist dad is really special."

Woods said she had a complicated relationship with her father, David, who died in September 2021 after suffering from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. The letter was written in a similar laid-back tone he had used.

Woods stored the letter in a box with other mementos that remind her of her family. But how long will it stay there?

"Forever," she said. "Without a doubt."

FAMILY

How to turn your home into the neighborhood hangout spot

Morayo Ogunbayo
Atlanta Journal-Constitution

With the school year underway, you've likely heard new names — and requests to have friends over.

For elementary schoolers, typically that means getting the other parents' contact information and setting up a playdate. However, things change for middle school and high school students.

Making your home a place where older kids and their friends want to hang out isn't just about having the latest gadgets — it's also about creating a warm, welcoming atmosphere.

In a time when phones and social media shape so much of kids' social lives, creating a safe space for real connection matters more than ever.

"So much of teen communication happens in online spaces," Willough Jenkins, an associate professor of psychiatry at the University of California San Diego, told TODAY, "so having a physical place to practice in-person social interactions is something I hope families can develop and cultivate."

Even if being the "hangout home" seems like too much of a commitment, there are ways you can make your child's friends feel more comfortable anytime they visit.

MAKE SURE EVERYONE IS FED

While this may seem like a no-brainer, being a place where your kids and their friends always know there will be something to eat is a great first step.

Create a snack station in the common room, or simply have your child show their friends where snacks are available in the kitchen.

Feeding your child and their friends doesn't have to be fancy — kids and teens care more about feeling considered than being impressed.

GIVE CLEAR EXPECTATIONS

When your child starts bringing the same friends over, it's important that those friends understand your house rules — it's a key part in making your home comfortable for everyone.

If you don't allow running in the house or have rules about certain games or movies, make those boundaries clear from the start to avoid misunderstandings.

Jenkins recommends that parents attempting to have hangout houses should have "no different boundaries or expectations for friends than you do for your own child."

"That consistency is important," he said.

LEAVE THEM ALONE

As a parent, it can be tempting to hover when your child has friends over — whether to make sure everything's going well or just to watch them socialize.

Reject this impulse and instead find ways to keep yourself occupied when your child has friends over. That does not mean you should be completely closed off from any socialization with your child's friends. In fact, there are times when they may call you for questions or advice.

However, stay away from trying to fix every disagreement between peers, as that may take away some of their problem-solving ability for the future.

"Hangout homes allow kids to have a space without constant parent involvement or intervention and don't make them feel like someone is always listening to their conversations," Jenkins said.

LIFE

A child looks for a costume at the 2025 "October's Child" event, held by Christophe Waggoner. *Courtesy ofNathan Richardson*

OUTREACH

Man thrifts all year to create free Halloween costumes for kids

Christophe Waggoner hosts a yearly event for kids — plus adults and dogs — to pick out free Halloween costumes he gathers and mends.

Sydney Page *Washington Post*

Waggoner organizing Halloween costumes he collected for his recent 2025 event. *Courtesy of Henry Saint*

Christophe Waggoner has what he calls a "shopping problem." Not for himself, though. All year long, he scours Texas thrift stores for children's Halloween costumes.

"I'm looking for anything shiny, sparkly or furry," he said. "I'm always keeping an eye out."

For the past nine years, Waggoner has collected thousands of Halloween costumes, and every fall, he hosts an event in Austin where children — plus adults and dogs — can pick out Halloween costumes for free.

"Seeing the kids there, that's amazing," Waggoner said. "That's the whole point."

Waggoner doesn't just collect the costumes. He washes, repairs and sometimes redesigns the garments, figuring out ways to make them feel brand-new.

"I get them, I'll wash them, if they need to be restitched, I'll do that, and sometimes I'll just change them outright," he said.

The annual giveaway, which Waggoner calls "October's Child," began in 2017. A year earlier, he had moved from an apartment into a house — his first time having trick-or-treaters at the door.

"I was so excited that I was going to have trick-or-treaters because I've always loved Halloween," he said.

That night, he noticed a disparity in costumes. Some children arrived in brand-new Star Wars attire, while others were not as well-outfitted.

"You just know they don't have access to the same things," Waggoner said. "I was looking at kids that were looking at other kids. They were just wishing and admiring."

At the time, Waggoner, 62, was working as a "mystery shopper," visiting stores as a research customer. He started to use his work shopping trips as an opportunity to buy Halloween costumes.

"I just made it a point that all my purchases would be Halloween stuff," Waggoner said.

He also started stopping by second-hand stores in search of old costumes several times a week, paying out of pocket to build a collection. By the following September, Waggoner had gathered more than 100 costumes and accessories. He hosted the first event in his garage, spreading the word informally and on social media.

A group came with six children from a foster home, and they each gave Waggoner thank-you cards. He decided then it would be an annual effort.

"I thought it went so well," he said.

Nearly a decade later, October's Child has grown into a major community event. At this year's event, held Sept. 27, hundreds of families from in and around Austin showed up.

A young girl searches for a wig to wear for Halloween. *Courtesy of Nathan Richardson*

There were more than 2,000 costumes available, organized by category — from princesses to superheroes. There was even a section for dogs.

"There were times I had to carry boxes over my head because it got so crowded," Waggoner said, adding that a school gave him permission to host the event on campus.

Nothing makes him happier, he said, than listening to a child when they pick out a costume.

"I love when you hear a kid go 'woah!' You know they're truly excited," Waggoner said.

People often bring their old costumes to the event, but Waggoner insists on washing and repairing them himself before giving them out the following year.

"I don't want them to feel like they just got hand-me-downs," he said. "I want them to be as close to new as possible."

Waggoner uses a dog brush to comb out costumes with fake fur, and he soaks wigs in fabric softener, which he said makes the fibers relax for easier detangling. He spends nearly $5,000 a year on storage for the costumes.

While restoring thousands of costumes can be tedious, Waggoner said it's worth it. He often dyes costumes to give them a different look.

Local families have made October's Child part of their yearly Halloween tradition. For the past four years, Brenda Guitierrez-Hodgkin and her daughters have volunteered to help run it.

She and her daughters, Kalista, 14, and Christina, 8, help manage the hats and masks.

"There's so much merchandise," she said.

Guitierrez-Hodgkin said Halloween costumes can be pricey, and parents often express their relief at avoiding the expense.

Guitierrez-Hodgkin praised Waggoner's dedication.

"He doesn't care who you are and where you come from, all he sees are the smiles, and he wants to create more smiles," she said. "This man has such a big heart."

His commitment goes back to his childhood, he said. The oldest of six siblings, Waggoner grew up in handmade costumes and learned how to sew at age 12.

"It's doing something for people, but it's also helping save the planet," he said. "So many people will get a costume and will never wear it again."

Waggoner recently established October's Child as a nonprofit and has started receiving donations. Good News ATX was the first publication to cover the effort.

Keri Stern, who has attended the event each year with her three children, now helps collect costumes, too.

"My favorite part of the events is talking to the children getting the costumes," she said. "The kids are so excited because they're not limited."

Stern has watched Waggoner's idea evolve into a community fixture.

"It's pretty spectacular what he's done," she said. "He gives his heart and soul."

Next year will be the 10th October's Child, and Waggoner said there are still thousands of costumes out there waiting for him to find and collect.

"I can't imagine not doing it," he said.

BRIGHT SIDE

He's spent 5 years asking people if they're happy. Are they?

Maggie Penman *Washington Post*

Five years ago, filmmaker Atdhe Trepca quit his job and drove across the country with a camera, asking strangers if they were happy. People seemed surprised by his question, but most answered earnestly.

"Ever since I had my kid, I've been happy," one person said. "He makes me happy."

One man said, "Of course I'm happy." When asked what makes him happy, he said, "Not much. Everything. Food, lunch. Fresh air. Good weather. Bad weather."

Another attributed his happiness to eating pickles everyday.

A man who worked as a salesman and a model in Miami said he wasn't happy because the pace of city life is too fast. "I don't feel any sense of accomplishment, I guess," he explained.

Trepca found the answers enlightening, so he started posting the videos on TikTok.

"Little did I know that a week later, we would have reached 10 million people. And today, we reach about 15 million people a month," Trepca said.

Back in 2020, it was just him and occasionally his brother helping him out. Now Trepca has a team of videographers and editors who produce social videos for the series, which tries to peel back the layers of what makes people happy. He doesn't define happiness, or a good life, instead leaving that up to each person.

Each brief interaction begins with the videographer approaching a stranger and asking if they can ask them a question for a documentary. Then, without a lot of preamble, they ask, "Are you happy?"

Often there's a thoughtful pause before people respond.

"When people get asked that question, they kind of, like, fan through all the things that they've been thinking about, all the things in their life. And in that moment, they will decide if those things are defining them as unhappy or as happy," Trepca said.

"I feel like the difference between happy people and unhappy people is the ability to say, you know what, despite the fact that I'm down on my luck, despite the fact that I might not have things, this sandwich is really making me happy," Trepca said.

After years of doing this, he has come to believe that happiness is often a choice. Trepca has spoken to people facing terminal illness and hardship but still looking for joy.

"It's almost like happiness is a muscle, right?" Trepca said. "If you work that muscle, you start to sort of change the chemistry in your brain to turn negatives into positives, and turn unexpected changes in your life into positives. You're working that muscle. And then eventually, that's just who you become."

Once Trepca saw how many people he was reaching with his videos, he wanted to do something more tangible with his newfound platform. He started working with nonprofits to help them raise money, recruit volunteers and grow their reach on social media.

"We identified a special-needs school that had no means of transportation for their students," Trepca said. "Our community raised about $60,000 to buy them a handicapped-accessible bus."

He realized that the following he had built on social media through "Are You Happy?" was a community of people eager to learn how they could make the world a better place.

When asked if he is happy, Trepca said that he was — but not because of his professional success or his TikTok following. He said it was mostly because he feels grateful for his family.

"I've got my family, and I think that people maybe take that for granted," he said.

Atdhe Trepca asks a truck driver if he's happy, in a still from a documentary. The man shares that he's going through a divorce. *Dustin Supencheck*

LIFE

These churches are sharing land with homeless people

Residents of the tiny home village and community members from Mosaic Christian Community work on a craft project in St. Paul, Minnesota. *Jeff Wheeler, Minnesota Star Tribune*

The churches that welcomed them have seen renewed relevancy and interest, in an era when political divisions are driving younger generations away from religious life.

Susan Du *Minnesota Star Tribune*

A Nazarene ministry in St. Paul's working-class East Side. An aging Lutheran congregation in Roseville. A nondenominational megachurch in Maple Grove.

Three vastly different Minnesota churches are on the leading edge of an experiment in treating chronic homelessness by building tiny home villages — known as Sacred Settlements — on their land for society's hardest-to-house people.

The settlements are modest, each comprising a handful of tiny houses clustered near trees and water. Neat, wood-chipped trails ramble from one home to the next. Hand-carved road signs and communal vegetable patches add a cottage flair. Each house is uniquely built and donated by other churches across the state, with rents based on size.

Part religious movement and part housing policy research, Sacred Settlements' first few years have suggested that homeless people once written off as unwilling to receive help can find stability in the right environment. At the same time, the churches that welcomed them have seen renewed relevancy and interest, their leaders say, in an era when political divisions are driving younger generations away from religious life.

"It wasn't a driving factor in our decision to have the settlement, but the result was we have more folks coming in, a lot of folks curious, younger people coming to work with us," said Michael Stetzler, former board president of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Roseville. "The energy that it's created internally, and the draw that it is for some people looking at us from the outside, is kind of a revitalization."

A RELIGIOUS RESPONSE TO OPPOSITION

Federal law exempts religious property owners from zoning codes that would typically hinder secular builders, as long as they use their land to further their mission. Settled, the nonprofit behind Sacred Settlements, argues that serving the poor is aligned with all major world religions. By leveraging their privilege under the law, these churches are acting out a form of radical hospitality they say is at the root of Christianity.

"Collectively, religiosity owns a lot of land, and they don't pay taxes," said Seanne Thomas, a St. Paul resident who saw the state's first Sacred Settlement established at Mosaic Christian Community, next door to her, in 2022. Thomas isn't religious but said she respected the church's trailblazing move and has had no problems with the tiny home village. "What better use of all of their real estate than to embrace and shelter those who are experiencing chronic homelessness?" she asked.

Not everyone trusts the concept to work out. In the outer-ring suburb of Maple Grove, members of homeowner associations opposed the development of a Sacred Settlement with 12 homes at Church of the Open Door. They petitioned to make it a sober community restricted to those who already had jobs, and lobbied for a state law change to place churches' tiny home villages under the regulatory purview of cities.

The bill didn't pass. Church leaders are now cautiously moving ahead with plans to open their settlement within the next two years. They don't need to overcome a public hearing and City Council vote to obtain city permits — a common barrier for other homeless service providers — but they are continuing to talk with skeptical neighbors.

Over time, the opposition's website quietly changed from "No Settlement Maple Grove" to the more neutral "Settlement Maple Grove." The group did not respond to emails requesting comment.

"Serving the poor is from cover to cover in the Bible," said Pastor Dave Brickey at Church of the Open Door. "To me, the opportunity to support this landed on a plate in front of us, and we had a choice of whether we were going to be obedient or not."

THE MISSING PIECE OF 'HOUSING FIRST'

One sunny afternoon in St. Paul's Payne-Phalen neighborhood, Jr McNeely sat at a shaded picnic table with children from Mosaic Christian Community, punching name tags out of leather for them to decorate.

McNeely had been on the streets for 10 years before he came to Mosaic's Sacred Settlement with his girlfriend and dog. No emergency shelter would have kept them together, so they lived in tents across the city. At Mosaic, they have four walls, a key and the peace of mind to sleep without needing to keep one eye open for those who might hurt them.

"I totally changed my whole perspective," McNeely said about moving into a Sacred Settlement and getting to know church members. "I thought they were just judging me and stuff, listening to the negative voices. Now that I've opened up more and let them get closer, I know they're here to help me."

Rian Kloetzke, a fellow resident, said it's been a strange thing to have people be nice to him without wanting anything back.

"Everyone's always smiling, chipper. It's weird," Kloetzke joked. "It gives me faith again, in humanity."

Underpinning the Sacred Settlements model is an evolving body of research built on some longstanding principles about addressing chronic homelessness, as well as some novel ideas.

"We believe, after spending hundreds of days on the streets ... learning people's stories, that underneath all of this is a common story of a profound and catastrophic loss of family," said Gabrielle Clowdus, who founded Settled.

"That's what makes the difference between someone who's able to transition out of homelessness, and someone who gets stuck there and becomes chronically homeless."

Clowdus' doctoral research focused on ways to solve homelessness that go beyond the well-established Housing First approach, which says people need a place to live before they can focus on holding down a job and treating a drug addiction.

While federal housing policy operates on Housing First principles, critics say the approach hasn't been successful because it doesn't confront the root causes of homelessness — including addiction, psychological trauma and physical disability — nor the isolation that people acclimated to the streets can feel in apartments.

Many researchers have looked more deeply into the role social connections have in disrupting mental illness, addiction and homelessness. Sacred Settlements' "Full Community Model" calls for the permanent presence of "intentional neighbors" — people who have never experienced chronic homelessness, voluntarily living alongside formerly homeless residents and sharing the work of maintaining the village.

When problems emerge, congregations have found ways to be flexible, Clowdus said. When one resident became convinced there was a demon on a doorstep, church leaders — who had no experience with the more charismatic tradition of expelling evil spirits — told it to go away in the name of Jesus. (It soothed the afflicted resident.)

After moving in to a Sacred Settlement, people have re-established medical care, gotten control over the hording in their storage units and started healing the wounds of family abandonment and social rejection in therapy. Everybody comes in for family dinner once a week.

"It's not short-term housing, it's not a stop to someplace better, it's not you have 90 days to get better," said Meredith Campbell, whose family oversees the Mosaic Sacred Settlement. "It's a commitment to the permanent, which means that our lives are changed too. When we say there's room in our lives, there's room in our calendars, at our table, at our house. That sort of reciprocal relationship is necessary for transformation, and we've seen it."

RELIGION SPAIN

Barcelona's Sagrada Familia is ready to raise its highest tower

Joseph Wilson *Associated Press*

After well over a century under construction, Barcelona's Sagrada Familia basilica is ready to raise its immense central tower and become the tallest Christian church in Europe.

The basilica's General Director Xavier Martinez said that "the tower will be finished at the end of this year or the beginning of 2026."

"This is an important moment in the history of the building of the Sagrada Familia because it will reach its maximum height," Martínez said. "We are used to seeing skyscrapers like those in the United States (go up), but it is remarkable that in the 21st century we are building a cathedral."

Once the gigantic Tower of Jesus Christ is up, the masterpiece of architect Antoni Gaudi will rise to 564 feet. That will make it taller than the Ulmer Munster church in southern Germany, which tops out at 531.5 feet.

The first pieces are already in place and the rest will be added in phases over the coming months. Once complete, the structure will be crowned by a cross and tightly surrounded by five other towers, one dedicated to Mary and four slightly shorter ones for the four evangelists.

Work on the facades and interior will continue for several years, the church's head of construction Esteve Camps said, but the goal is to finish building work in approximately a decade from now.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF GAUDI'S DEATH

Next year will be the 100th anniversary of the death of Gaudi. The church will hold several events to celebrate his legacy, which includes several stunning buildings in Barcelona and other places in Spain.

Pope Leo XIV has been invited for a solemn Mass to be held in Gaudi's memory on June 10, the day he died when struck by a streetcar in 1926. Sagrada Familia officials said that they hope to have a response from the Vatican in the coming weeks.

Pope Benedict XVI consecrated the Sagrada Familia (Holy Family in Spanish) and designated it a minor basilica in 2010.

The first stone of the Sagrada Familia was placed in 1882. Gaudi never expected it to be completed in his lifetime. Only one of its multiple towers was finished when he died.

A fervent Catholic, Gaudi incorporated both Christian symbolism and organic forms into his unique aesthetic.

Work has sped up over recent decades as the basilica became a major international tourist attraction. The money from entrance fees is used to fund the ongoing construction. Last year, 4.9 million people paid to visit it, with 15% of those tourists coming from the United States.

Miniature replicas of the new central tower that will crown the Basilica of the Sagrada Familia, making it the largest Christian church in Europe, are displayed last month during a news conference in Barcelona, Spain. *Emilio Morenatti, AP*

Holland America's Westerdam was the perfect venue for a family reunion cruise from Seattle into the wilds of coastal Alaska. *Holland America, TNS*

ABOARD THE WESTERDAM

This Alaska cruise was the perfect venue for a family reunion

Our gatherings were small enough for deep conversations over dinner, yet big enough for group activities ranging from trivia games to comedy shows.

James Walsh *Minnesota Star Tribune*

Restless, I wheeled up to the coffee shop and bar on the 10th deck at the bow of the Westerdam. Through massive, slanted windows, a dense midmorning fog obscured everything as if the ship were crawling in the center of a heavy, low cloud.

All around me, people filled the comfy armchairs, reading, chatting, sipping beverages.

Then, the fog cleared and, ahead, smooth, unbroken sea. Until ... there, 100 feet off the bow, was the unmistakable long back of a whale, the first I'd seen after days at sea. As it slowly dipped beneath the surface, its distinctive tail rose from the water as if to wave goodbye.

It was not my intent to take a second cruise so soon after my first, a journey last year to Norway and the Arctic. But the idea was spawned by my wife Heidi's many cousins as an easy way to convene a condensed family reunion now that most of their parents — including five Slen siblings from Madison, Minnesota — were gone. Heidi's 101-year-old father is the only Slen kid remaining, and he stayed home in Fargo.

Thirteen of us from across the country — cousins and spouses — gathered aboard Holland America's Westerdam for a week-long cruise from Seattle to southeast Alaska and back.

It proved a perfect vehicle to get to know each other even better. Our gatherings were small enough for deep conversations over dinner, yet big enough for group activities ranging from trivia games to comedy shows to dance performances.

And the trip was breathtaking enough — from hypnotic open seas to a coastline comprising majestic peaks of granite and pine — to plant seeds for returning.

And to think the wheels very nearly came off, for us at least. Until James Mounts, the guy who saved our vacation.

MOUNTS TO THE RESCUE

We'd been at sea for a couple of days when our ship docked at Juneau, Alaska's compact capital. It was here that Heidi and I took our only guided shore excursion, and the only wheelchair-accessible one not yet sold out: a tour of an old gold mine.

After a small van with a wheelchair lift took us back to the harbor area, Heidi and I intended to look around before our 5:30 dinner reservations on board. Then, on the boardwalk, a woman stopped us.

"Did you know your tire is flat?" she asked.

Sure enough, my wheelchair's left rear tire was deflated. The culprit: a nail, its head sticking out of the tread. Heidi headed back to the ship to fetch our small air pump while I waited.

I called out to a passing pedal-cab driver to ask if there was a bike shop nearby. There was, said Rob from Alaska Pedicab, and he gave me the number. But there was no answer.

James Mounts stopped to help.

"I saw you and I told myself, if you were still here when I circled back, I'd see if you needed help," he said.

I did. Mounts said he used to work at the bike shop. Now, he's a harbor technician with Docks & Harbors for the City and Borough of Juneau. Helping is their job.

He called another nearby shop and within minutes arranged for a worker to pick up my chair and take it to the shop for repairs. Heidi accompanied the repair tech. Mounts stayed with me. Less than an hour later, my chair was back with the tire good as new. We were saved from pushing a manual chair for the rest of the week.

We'd even be on time for dinner.

"You're a great ambassador for Juneau," I told Mounts.

"We try," he said.

THE SHIP

Since this was only our second cruise, comparisons to our first were inevitable.

At 936 feet, the Westerdam is twice as long as Hurtigruten's M.S. Trollfjord, which we took along the Norwegian coast last year. It carries about three times as many passengers (around 2,000). It had more elevators and more accessible bathrooms.

And it had many more onboard amenities and activities: More restaurants, more bars, a bigger fitness room and a larger auditorium with nightly entertainment: dances, comedy shows and concerts. The Westerdam had two swimming pools, compared with none on the Trollfjord. Even a casino.

Alaska's coastline even resembles Norway's.

We preferred the Trollfjord and its more modest size. It was more intimate, allowing us to get to know more of the crew and our fellow passengers. And the food (locally produced in the regions of Norway we visited) was better on the Trollfjord.

Still, the Alaska cruise was a ton of fun. And as a venue to reconnect with beloved family members we only get to see every couple of years, the Westerdam was just about perfect.

Especially for a guy in a wheelchair.

SITKA AND KETCHIKAN ... AND A GLACIER

With so much to do aboard the ship, it could have been easy to forget we were there to see Alaska. But a day after we left Juneau, Alaska insisted that we look.

As the ship's engines slowed, camera-wielding passengers crowded the railings of the aft deck to gawk at the ethereal blue-white river of ice that was the Dawes Glacier.

Can more than 100 people fall silent in unison? It sure seemed that way as ice fell into eerie green sea. Not a peep. Just reverence.

The next day, we disembarked in Sitka, once the seat of the Russian government before Alaska was sold to the United States in 1867. A shuttle took us into this compact and historic town, where we stepped inside St. Michael's Russian Orthodox Cathedral, and later visited Totem Square and the Sheet'ka Kwaan Naa Kahidi Tribal Community House.

The next day offered several hours in Ketchikan, where, once we passed the souvenir shops and tourist-trolling restaurants, we followed signs to the historic Married Man's Trail, the town's former red light district. There, looking down at the rushing waters of Ketchikan Creek, we spied salmon muscling their way upriver to spawn.

Like the fish, I could see myself someday returning.

TRAVEL PARIS

Escape the crowds at Versailles with a trip to Vincennes

Sylvie Corbet *Associated Press*

For visitors to France overwhelmed by the crowds at Versailles, one Paris region offers a calmer chateau experience: The fortress of Vincennes, a medieval royal residence with the tallest keep in Europe that once held renowned figures such as the Marquis de Sade.

The massive fortress east of Paris, just 15 minutes from the city center by metro, immerses visitors in history as soon as they walk through the drawbridge.

The castle is much older than Versailles and closer to Paris, local guide Cindy Smili-Yesli said. "It's a fairly quiet castle," she said. "The visiting conditions are much more pleasant. Here, you can really take a close look at every detail of the decor in the keep."

Vincennes welcomes up to 145,000 visitors a year; more than eight million people visit Versailles annually.

View of the Chateau de Vincennes, a massive fortress with the Holy Chapel, left, just east of Paris, on Aug. 12. *Aurelien Morissard, AP*

EUROPE'S TALLEST KEEP

The Chateau of Vincennes was first built in the second part of the 14th century, as the Hundred Years War was raging between the kingdoms of France and England, on the location of a royal manor that was used as a hunting base in the nearby woods. French King Charles V, who ascended the throne in 1364, chose to make it his residence.

The immense 171-feet keep was meant to show the extent of France's power.

"It has been a powerful symbol of the royal monarchy since the mid-14th century," Smili-Yesli said.

But Vincennes was also a symbol of an historic English success against France. Henry V of England and his court moved into the chateau for some time after his successful military campaign, in accordance with the 1420 Treaty of Troyes. Henry V died at Vincennes in 1422. He was 35.

"The legend of Vincennes says that his body was reduced to ashes in the castle's kitchens, and his bones were recovered," Smili-Yesli said.

FAMOUS FIGURES IMPRISONED

From the 15th century, the keep housed a prison. Famous captives included future King of France Henri IV, accused of plotting, writer and philosopher Denis Diderot, and the Marquis de Sade, known for his writings on sex.

"The Marquis de Sade was imprisoned in the keep of Vincennes in the mid-to-late 18th century because of his writings and his actions as a libertine," Smili-Yesli said. "He was originally held on the first floor of the keep. But as he did not get along well with one of his cousins, the Count of Mirabeau, the jailers, to punish him, moved him down to the ground floor into a much less pleasant cell, subject to cold and damp."

Many common law prisoners were also imprisoned at Vincennes, including women, especially during a series of scandals in 1679 to 1680 involving poisoning and witchcraft. Some graffiti left by the captives can still be seen on the stone walls.

A GOTHIC HOLY CHAPEL

Facing the keep, the spectacular Holy Chapel, built in the Gothic style, features stunning stained glass windows from the mid-16th century which depict the Apocalypse through various spectacular scenes.

The castle served as a refuge for the royal family at shaky times. In 1648, when a series of rebellions broke out in the kingdom, young King Louis XIV settled there.

The Sun King later wished to move further away from Paris, which had been hostile to him during that period. He went on to build a palace in Versailles, west of the French capital, and left Vincennes with his court in 1682.

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As the season wore on, Bickerstaff began implementing Duren more in their half court offense, giving him the chance to drive for his own baskets.

And now, Duren is building more trust by improving his technique and footwork on a jump shot that can expand where his offensive impact is felt most.

"I feel as I continue to work and grow, I think J.B. will continue to trust me with a bunch of things throughout the offense," Duren said last month. "Just locking in on it every day. Trying to progress as a player and get better and just be able to be used in any way possible. Like, any way JB wants to use me or put me in spots. I just want to be able to fill my role to the best of my ability."

Duren said knocking down a few last season and constant work on mechanics throughout the season provided the confidence of the coaching staff, and he now has the "green light."

"I work on it. It's not something that I'm just trying. I come here, I work on my game every day, try to get better, become a better player," Duren said. "Coaches, teammates trust me, they see me working on my game. So we keep expanding, keep doing whatever I gotta do to help the team move forward."

ing NBA season

Gilgeous-Alexander, all-star Jalen Williams and a deep pack of all-defense candidates that includes Chet Holmgren, Lu Dort, Alex Caruso and Cason Wallace.

That continuity would be valuable for any team, but this isn't just any team. Oklahoma City won 68 games last season — second most by any team since Michael Jordan retired — and compiled the best point differential in league history.'

In the playoffs, the Thunder had to survive seven-game series against the Denver Nuggets and the Indiana Pacers, but it went 11-2 at home and its only losses came on game-winning shots in the closing seconds. Another year of aging should help the Thunder more than it hurts; Caruso

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NFL

Tampa Bay not underestimating injury-plagued Lions' secondary

Detroit hosts Buccaneers in Monday night matchup.

Jacob Richman *jrichman@mlive.com*

DETROIT — The Detroit Lions' secondary has been hit hard by injuries.

Five players are on injured reserve, two more are battling injuries and Brian Branch is suspended this week.

However, Detroit's upcoming opponent, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, only needs to look in the mirror to see a unit hit equally hard with injuries.

The Bucs have a pair of wide receivers on injured reserve and three others who could miss the game against the Lions.

Tampa Bay won't be looking past the Lions' secondary when it visits Ford Field Monday night.

"If they feel like (the Lions are) somebody that's going to go in there and then their standard's going to change, ours didn't," Bucs wide receivers coach Bryan McClendon said. "Same thing with their level of production and what they want to do and everything else.

"You look at those guys schematically, they got good players from top to bottom. It's hard to be good in this league and not have a good roster from top to bottom. And you know whoever that they put out there is going to uphold the standard that they have to play".

That's a similar sentiment for Lions coach Dan Campbell, whose defense has been plagued by injuries for consecutive seasons. Detroit preaches a "next man up" mentality, and it has helped getting off to a 4-2 start ahead of this week's game against the NFC-leading Bucs.

"The next guy's got to step up and serve a role for us, help us out, and then it's got to spread throughout the rest of your team, man," Campbell said.

The Lions have All-Pro safety Kerby Joseph, who is dealing with an injury, and Amik Robertson holding things down. After that, there's a lot less experience. The Bucs will be prepared for whoever is on the field — even recent additions Tre Flowers, Kendall Fuller and Jammie Robinson.

"As great a team as they are, your approach to every single day can't change just depending upon who you're playing," McLendon said. "That's kind of where you get the inconsistencies and up and down right now in your performance. I think you have to uphold the standard right now that you are trying to play at. If you don't, a team like that right now, man, they can run you over."

Tampa Bay quarterback Baker Mayfield is among the MVP favorites after leading his Bucs to a 5-1 start. *Stephen Brashear, Associated Press*

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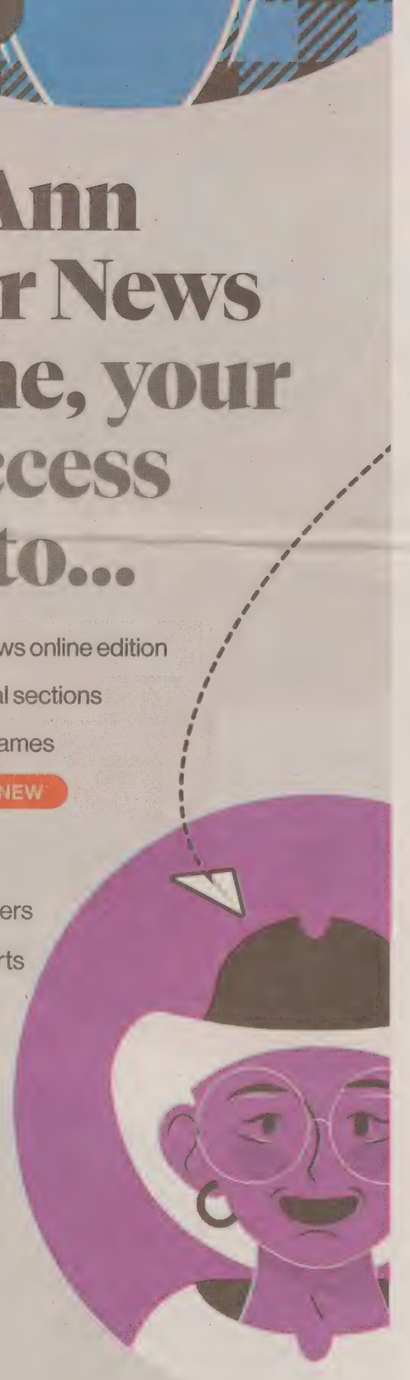

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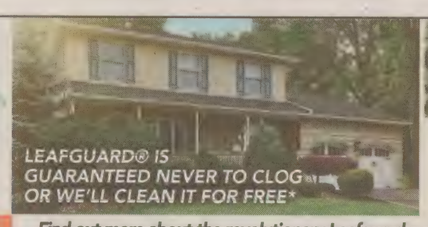

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BASEBALL

Detroit Tigers face number of questions this offseason

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DETROIT — For much of the Major League Baseball season, the Detroit Tigers were the best team and, were it not for a September collapse, they would have earned a first-round bye in the playoffs.

There's no need for a makeover — just a few tweaks. Their foundation is solid, most players are returning and they shouldn't have a long list of boxes to check this winter.

Here's a look at the key questions the Tigers will face once the offseason begins:

THE ACE EVERYONE'S ASKING ABOUT

Yes, you're probably sick of hearing about this, but you might as well get used to it. Tarik Skubal, the Tigers' ace starting pitcher, is entering his final year of team control and is unlikely to sign an extension before reaching free agency.

His future will be front and center.

If the Tigers were rebuilding or had a long list of needs, it might make sense to consider shopping him this winter. But that's not the case. They have made the playoffs in back-to-back seasons, and there's no reason they can't do so again in 2026. They'll surely listen on Skubal, but an offer would have to be unfathomably good to make them pull the trigger.

BRING BACK JACK?

The Tigers can check off an item on their offseason shopping list if Flaherty returns.

The veteran starting pitcher, who has spent most of the past two seasons with Detroit, has expressed interest in returning in 2026.

To a certain extent, the ball is in his court, as he holds a $20 million player option for next season. If he declines the option, the decision shifts back to the Tigers. Extending Flaherty a qualifying offer — worth just more than $22 million — would make it difficult for him to walk away.

THE NEXT WAVE IS ALMOST HERE

We almost certainly will see the Tigers' top prospect at some point in 2026. On the other hand, it's hard to envision him being there on Opening Day.

Are the Tigers content to stand pat for a month or two until Kevin McGonigle has sufficiently battered Triple-A pitching, or do they want to add an infielder?

Between Colt Keith, Javier Báez, Zach McKinstry, Andy Ibáñez, Matt Vierling and Trey Sweeney, the Tigers have enough depth to cover the infield. They also have some non-McGonigle options, such as Hao-Yu Lee and Trei Cruz, who could factor into the mix.

It wouldn't be surprising if they kicked the tires on short-term infield options — a reunion with Gleyber Torres would make sense, except for the fact he's likely seeking more than a one-year deal.

TIME TO SHOP FOR STRIKEOUTS

It's usually not wise to splurge on relievers, but this might be the exception.

The Tigers have money available and a relatively short list of needs this winter. If there was ever a time to go after a big-ticket reliever — dare we say, Edwin Díaz or Devin Williams — this might be it.

Other veterans, such as Emilio Pagán or Phil Maton, might also give the Tigers another strikeout artist in the bullpen to complement Will Vest.

TOUGH CALLS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE ROSTER

Before the hot stove even begins, the Tigers will have some 40-man roster decisions to make: who they want to add and who they're willing to cut.

Chase Lee seems like an easy call. Trei Cruz, if left unprotected, would be a strong candidate to be snapped up by another team. Two catchers — Eduardo Valencia and Thayron Liranzo — might be risky to leave unprotected. Pitcher RJ Petit could help in the bullpen.

There are other interesting names to debate.

The Tigers don't have much room at the moment, which means the other side of those decisions will be determining who gets dropped from the 40-man. Will the Tigers tender contracts to Jason Foley, Alex Lange and Beau Brieske?

Those will be the first decisions of the offseason.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL SPARTANS

MSU looking for clarity at one ingredient in 'melting pot'

Defending Big Ten champions feature another deep lineup.

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EAST LANSING — Strength in numbers.

Tom Izzo felt it embodied his Michigan State men's basketball team so much he had the phrase printed on warmup shirts and painted on the practice gym wall.

The Spartans went from an unranked preseason squad to winning the Big Ten Conference by three games last year, reaching the Elite Eight while riding their depth.

"It kind of taught me what I always believed that chemistry and culture matter," Izzo said earlier this month. "We were not as talented and I say that not disrespecting my team, it's just that we weren't as talented as a team top to bottom. But we did have 10 guys, we had no locker room issues, we had no NIL issues, we had no people that were jealous of people and we played a lot of people, which is hard to do."

Izzo, in his 31st season leading the Spartans, finds himself in a similar spot this year. Michigan State lost seven scholarship players, including its top three scorers, from a 30-win squad. The Spartans were projected to finish sixth in the Big Ten in a media poll with nobody voted to the preseason all-conference team.

"It's a melting pot again, but I think we're going to play 10 players again," Izzo said. "Some of that is really good, some of it's bad because maybe nobody's that far ahead of somebody else but it leads to a better locker room and locker rooms are important in sports."

Michigan State men's basketball coach Tom Izzo watches the video board after a game last season. *MLive.com files*

MSU HOOPS UPDATE

Exhibition opener: Michigan State vs. Bowling Green, 7 p.m. Thursday at Breslin Center **TV:** Big Ten-Plus

Michigan State returns veterans in point guard Jeremy Fears, wing Coen Carr and bigs Jaxon Kohler and Carson Cooper — all named co-captains.

A pair of second-year players are back in shooting guard Kur Teng and forward Jesse McCulloch and four transfers were added in guards Trey Fort (Samford), Divine Ugochukwu (Miami) and Denham Wojcik (Harvard) and forward Kaleb Glenn (Florida Atlantic), although Glenn is out for the season due to a knee injury.

The Spartans lost nearly all their 3-point shooting from last season and the competition for who will join Fears in the starting backcourt continues. Early in practice, Izzo didn't like Fort's defensive effort and was challenging the senior at his sixth school in as many years.

"That's our question mark right now, our shooter," Izzo said.

Fears made strides in his first season as the lead point while Carr plans on taking another step expanding his high-flying game. There's experience in the paint and newcomers to blend, including a pair of four-star freshmen in Jordan Scott and Cam Ward.

"We have a good core coming back that kind of knows what's going on, we have a great, young freshman class coming in ... and then transfers," Fears said. "Just piecing it together, our chemistry and we play (together) all well and we know what we have to do to get the job done."

Michigan State opens the regular season by hosting Colgate on Nov. 3 at the Breslin Center. Other challenging nonconference games include visits from Arkansas and Duke.

MSU is a new-look squad that will stress the same things as last season — rebound, run, defend and avoid turnovers.

"It was a fun year because we did the basics," Izzo said of last season. "All the changes (to college sports), the basics are still the basics. That's not old school, it's just what it's supposed to be."

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

JuJu-less Big Ten prepares for women's basketball season

Southern California star JuJu Watkins propelled the Trojans to a Big Ten regular-season title and consecutive Elite Eight appearances last season.

If the Trojans want to match that success, they'll need to do it without her.

The absence of Watkins, who is sidelined while recovering from an ACL injury suffered in the NCAA Tournament, has given way to UCLA becoming the lone conference powerhouse, with Maryland not far behind.

The Bruins advanced to the Final Four for the first time in program history after defeating the Trojans in the Big Ten tournament title game last season. They are the clear-cut favorite with senior center Lauren Betts, the Big Ten preseason player of the year.

The loss of Watkins will be felt throughout the conference, which sent a record 12 programs to last season's NCAA tourney.

"I'm bummed for her, for the rivalry, for the conference. I'm bummed for our game," UCLA coach Cori Close said. "She makes me a better coach because of the level of excellence she brings to the court night in and night out."

Maryland will be among the teams expected to contend for the conference title after a Sweet 16 run and with a strong core of returning players, including Kaylene Smikle, Saylor Poffenbarger and Bri McDaniel, transfer Yarden Garzon and a talented freshman class.

BASEBALL

Former Tigers, Detroit native choose free agency

Five former Detroit Tigers have hit the free-agent market since the end of the regular season.

Catcher Eric Haase (Milwaukee Brewers); infielder Zack Short (Houston Astros); and right-handed pitchers Erasmo Ramírez (Minnesota Twins), Devin Sweet (Philadelphia Phillies) and Carlos Hernández (Cleveland Guardians) have elected free agency.

Hernández is the only member of the group who played for the Tigers in 2025. In five weeks with Detroit, he allowed 12 earned runs on 13 hits in 10⅔ innings; striking out 13 and walking six.

Haase, 32, grew up in Westland, attending Dearborn Divine Child High School. He was one of the Tigers' top hitters in 2021-22 before tailing off the following season.

Baddoo, Nido are free agents

Catcher Tomás Nido, who accompanied the Detroit Tigers in the postseason as a member of the taxi squad, has elected free agency.

Outfielder Akil Baddoo, who appeared in seven games for Detroit in 2025, but spent most of the season at Triple-A Toledo, has also become a free agent.

For Baddoo, 27, this marks the first time in his career he has reached free agency. He should draw interest as a non-roster invitee to spring training. Baddoo was acquired by the Tigers in the Rule 5 Draft and had an electric rookie campaign in 2021 before enduring a frustrating sophomore slump in 2022. He has bounced between Detroit and Toledo the past three seasons.

Nido, 31, spent six weeks with the Tigers in April and May while Jake Rogers was on the injured list. He hit .343 (12 for 35) as a backup to Dillon Dingler.

Catcher a finalist for Gold Glove

Detroit Tigers catcher Dillon Dingler has been nominated for an American League Gold Glove Award.

Dingler, 27, debuted in 2024 and wrestled the starting job from Jake Rogers this year due to strong offensive and defensive play. He played in 126 games and posted a .752 OPS in 469 plate appearances.

Other finalists are Alejandro Kirk (Toronto Blue Jays) and Carlos Narvaez (Boston Red Sox). Winners will be announced Nov. 2.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Ludington's Gunsell earns coaching honor

Ludington football coach Charlie Gunsell recorded his 100th career win last week, securing the program's first conference championship since 1999.

The historic 7-0 start for the Orioles gained statewide recognition, as Gunsell was named the Detroit Lions Coach of the Week for Week 7. The Ludington football program will receive a $1,000 donation from the Lions organization.

Gunsell is in his 26th year of coaching at Ludington High School and 22nd season as head coach. During his tenure, Ludington has recorded playoff appearances in seven of the last 10 years.

Before the Gunsell era, Ludington had only registered 15 winning seasons dating to 1950. — *MLive.com*

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BOYS SOCCER

Huron edges Pioneer for district championship

Ann Arbor Huron High School boys soccer players celebrate after defeating rival Ann Arbor Pioneer 2-1 on Thursday for a Division 1 district championship at Huron High School. The River Rats will next advance to play Detroit U-D Jesuit in 7 p.m. regional action Tuesday at Saline. *Abra Richardson, MLive.com*

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* Ella Arvai, Saline field hockey
* Mara Boullion, Ann Arbor Pioneer field hockey
* Tallulah Beg, Ann Arbor Pioneer girls swimming
* Abby Chatters, Ypsilanti girls swimming
* Evan Chung, Ann Arbor Greenhills boys tennis
* Natasza Dudek, Ann Arbor Pioneer, girls cross country
* Evelyn Gill, Milan, girls swimming
* Addison Gregg, Ann Arbor Greenhills, girls swimming
* Gavin Heinze, Chelsea, Fr., boys tennis
* Olivia Housler, Ann Arbor Skyline, girls golf
* Jax Ichesco, Chelsea, football
* Sienna Klemmer, Ann Arbor Pioneer girls cross country
* Maribelle Kofahl, Ann Arbor Huron, girls cross country
* Maddy Manning, Dexter, girls golf
* Grant Miller, Ann Arbor Pioneer, boys tennis
* Lily Miklosovic, Saline, girls swimming
* Emerson Nalepa, Ann Arbor Skyline, field hockey
* Kyre Reid, Ypsilanti, football
* Wes Rogan, Saline, boys cross country
* Sophia Stanavich, Chelsea volleyball
* Savannah Staton, Saline, girls cross country
* Nevaeh Streich, Dexter volleyball
* Lucy Tribble, Father Gabriel Richard girls swimming
* Mya Vance, Milan volleyball
* Keira Von Blon, Ann Arbor Pioneer girls cross country

CROSS COUNTRY

Sophomore phenom runners power Pioneer girls to SEC Championship

Pioneer's dominated the SEC-Red Championship.

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While Natasza Dudek has held the spotlight as the state's top runner this year, she's far from alone on the cross-country trail.

The Ann Arbor Pioneer sophomore led the charge for the Pioneers at the Southeastern Conference Red Championships on Thursday, though Dudek received a great deal of help from her teammates in a dominating performance.

Dudek took first place with a time of 16:47.50, while her teammates sophomore Sienna Klemmer (17:59.90) and freshman Keira Von Blon (18:30.50) rounded out the top 3 finishers.

The Pioneers claimed the league title with a team score of 27, while Ann Arbor Skyline placed second with 56 points and Saline took third with 68 points.

Pinckney took home the SEC-White title, with Adrian and Chelsea finishing second and third respectively.

Here is a look at the top 20 girls times from each division.

SEC-RED GIRLS

1. Natasza Dudek, Pioneer – 16:47.50
2. Sienna Klemmer, Pioneer – 17:59.90
3. Keira Von Blon, Pioneer – 18:30.50
4. Savannah Staton, Saline – 18:39.30
5. Lillian (Lilli) Schlack, Saline – 18:48.30
6. Lucia Llanes, Skyline – 18:53.40
7. Becca Van Lent, Skyline – 18:55.70
8. Maribelle Kofahl, Huron – 18:59.60
9. Audrey Grosteffon, Bedford – 19:14.40
10. Hana Boggess, Pioneer – 19:15.50
11. Nina Moore, Pioneer – 19:26.90
12. Lizzie Wernimont, Pioneer – 19:27.80
13. Adrienne Stewart, Skyline – 19:38.10
14. Lila Edison, Skyline – 19:38.80
15. Adelynn Turck, Saline – 19:42.10
16. Isla Tharp, Skyline – 19:47.50
17. Amelia Cribbins, Dexter – 20:01.00
18. Layla Blumberg, Dexter – 20:03.70
19. Laura Forsyth, Pioneer – 20:07.50
20. Gwen Stotts-Walshe, Skyline – 20:25.10

SEC-WHITE GIRLS

1. Jaelyn Ray, Pinckney – 18:05.90
2. Ayda Skeels, Adrian – 18:40.10
3. Julia Garcia, Pinckney – 19:11.80
4. Madison Petty, Adrian – 19:31.40
5. Eastynn Charder, Pinckney – 20:10.20
6. Samantha Bieber, Chelsea – 20:35.50
7. Zora Ziolkowski, Chelsea – 20:36.10
8. Elaine Bentley, Jackson – 21:01.60
9. Valyntina Garcia, Pinckney – 21:07.90
10. Grace Brown, Jackson – 21:29.70
11. Brooklyn Reason, Pinckney – 21:30.20
12. Karina Mihai-Grammes, Adrian – 21:46.40
13. Virginia Barrett, Tecumseh – 21:51.50
14. Ella McCleery, Ypsilanti – 22:01.00
15. Zeva Hathaway, Pinckney – 22:06.70
16. Sade Napier, Ypsilanti Lincoln – 22:07.00
17. Lauren Olma, Ypsilanti Lincoln – 22:08.90
18. London Landini, Tecumseh – 22:11.30
19. Morgan McMichael, Tecumseh – 22:21.10
20. Abigail Adams, Pinckney – 22:34.80

Ann Arbor Pioneer's Natasza Dudek is the fastest girls cross country runner in Michigan and the No. 2 runner in the country based on times. On Thursday, she won the SEC-Red Championship race by more than a minute. *Jake May, MLive.com files*

In the boys meet, Ann Arbor Pioneer's Kamari Ronfeldt and Beckett Crooks powered their team to the SEC-Red title.

The tandem ran away from the field, finishing more than 30 seconds ahead of the rest of the field. Ronfeldt crossed the finish line first at 15:28.00 and Crooks was right behind him with a time of 15:28.10.

Pioneer also saw senior Thomas DeJesus take fifth in 16:05.30, as the Pioneers claimed the league title (32 points).

Saline finished second and Ann Arbor Skyline took third overall.

Here are the top 20 boys times from each division.

SEC-RED BOYS

1. Kamari Ronfeldt, Pioneer – 15:28.00
2. Beckett Crooks, Pioneer – 15:28.10
3. Jacob Szalay, Saline – 15:59.10
4. Coen Hill, Dexter – 16:02.40
5. Thomas DeJesus, Pioneer – 16:05.30
6. Wes Rogan, Saline – 16:16.70
7. Brennan Larusso, Saline – 16:19.80
8. Dane Hieronimus, Bedford – 16:26.30
9. Nick Martens, Dexter – 16:31.10
10. Matthew Guikema, Skyline – 16:33.00
11. Theo Sacks Thomas, Pioneer – 16:35.50
12. Bruno Cifaldi, Skyline – 16:35.90
13. Colin Courage, Pioneer – 16:38.20
14. Martin Gehrke, Skyline – 16:42.70
15. Nicholas Hoffman, Dexter – 16:44.00
16. Oskar MacArthur, Skyline – 16:45.30
17. Cameron Varner, Bedford – 16:49.60
18. Jacob Cole, Saline – 16:50.30
19. Garrett Comer, Skyline – 17:00.50
20. Aarav Kalantry, Huron – 17:04.00

SEC-WHITE BOYS

1. Moises Salazar Jr., Adrian – 15:51.90
2. Cole McCraw, Pinckney – 16:20.90
3. Henry Fredenberg, Chelsea – 16:34.80
4. Wyeth Angus, Chelsea – 16:38.20
5. Parker Smith, Adrian – 16:49.20
6. Eli Morris, Tecumseh – 16:51.10
7. John Rochowiak, Pinckney – 16:56.40
8. Lincoln Reed, Pinckney – 17:03.30
9. Easton Coscarelli, Adrian – 17:13.90
10. Dempsey Barrett, Tecumseh – 17:19.00
11. Matthew McFall, Pinckney – 17:20.90
12. Caleb Maciag, Pinckney – 17:22.90
13. Samuel Clifton, Chelsea – 17:23.00
14. Alex Hagerty, Pinckney – 17:25.30
15. Nate Sandula, Pinckney – 17:33.70
16. Harrison Stamper, Tecumseh – 17:39.20
17. Leo Alafita, Chelsea – 17:39.90
18. Carter Fenner, Adrian – 17:40.50
19. Linus Helzerman, Chelsea – 17:42.80
20. Tyler Moore, Tecumseh – 17:42.90

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

WEEK 8 SCORES

- Fr. Gab. Richard 44, Macomb Luth. North 19
- Ann Arbor Huron 22, Monroe 12
- Dexter 69, Ann Arbor Pioneer 19
- Ann Arbor Skyline 29, Marlette 22
- Ypsilanti Lincoln 7
- Chelsea 35, Milan at Carleton Airport
- Saline 51, Temperance Bedford 0
- Whitmore Lake 56, Livonia Clarenceville 15
- Tecumseh 35, Ypsilanti 6

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Make your choice for the MLive Ann Arbor-area fall sports Athlete of the Week. Readers can read about the athletes' accomplishments, and cast their votes through 9 a.m. Tuesday, at mlive.com/sports/ann-arbor. Dexter volleyball player Chloe Burns is the reigning Athlete of the Week. Here are this week's candidates:

* Kia Alert, Ann Arbor Pioneer girls swimming
* Fred Brown, Milan boys soccer
* Beckett Crooks, Ann Arbor Pioneer boys cross country
* Addison Gregg, Ann Arbor Greenhills girls swimming
* Gavin Heinze, Chelsea boys tennis
* Braylen Kaiser, Ann Arbor Skyline boys tennis
* Maribelle Kofahl, Ann Arbor Huron girls cross country
* Lucia Llanes, Ann Arbor Skyline girls cross country
* Brennan Larusso, Saline boys cross country
* Joshua Lee, Ann Arbor Skyline boys tennis
* Kaylie Livingston, Whitmore Lake girls cross country
* Larkin Pham, Dexter volleyball
* Rebekah Murillo, Dexter girls swimming
* Wesley Roberts, Ann Arbor Pioneer boys tennis
* Adrienne Schadler, Ann Arbor Skyline girls swimming
* Ana Sirbu, Saline girls swimming

BOYS SOCCER DISTRICTS

DIVISION 1
AT ANN ARBOR HURON
Wednesday, Oct. 8
Temperance Bedford 1, Saline 0 (SO); Ann Arbor Pioneer 4, Monroe 1
Thursday, Oct. 9
Ann Arbor Skyline 8, Belleville 0
Tuesday, Oct. 14
Ann Arbor Huron 5, Temperance Bedford 1: Ann Arbor Pioneer 4, Ann Arbor Skyline 3 (OT)
Thursday, Oct. 16
Finals: Ann Arbor Huron 2, Ann Arbor Pioneer 1

DIVISION 2
AT MASON
Wednesday, Oct. 8
Jackson 4, Parma Western 3 (OT)
Thursday, Oct. 9
Dexter 4, Jackson Northwest 0; Chelsea 5, Charlotte 1
Tuesday, Oct. 14
Mason 1, Dexter 0 (SO); Chelsea 3, Jackson 2 (SO)
Thursday, Oct. 16
Finals: Mason 4, Chelsea 0

AT ADRIAN
Wednesday, Oct. 8
Carleton Airport 8, Ypsilanti Lincoln 0; Tecumseh 1, Adrian 0
Thursday, Oct. 9
Ypsilanti 3, Monroe Jefferson 0
Tuesday, Oct. 14
Carleton Airport 2, Ypsilanti 1; New Boston Huron 2, Tecumseh 0
Thursday, Oct. 16
Finals: New Boston Huron 8, Carleton Airport 0

DIVISION 3
AT FATHER GABRIEL RICHARD
Wednesday, Oct. 8
Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard 2, Dearborn Henry Ford Academy 1
Thursday, Oct. 9
Canton Prep 6, Livonia Clarenceville 2; Dearborn Heights Star International 8, Dearborn Advanced Tech Academy 0
Tuesday, Oct. 14
Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard 3, Canton Prep 0; Ann Arbor Greenhills 8, Dearborn Heights Star International
Thursday, Oct. 16
Finals: Ann Arbor Greenhills 6, Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard 0

AT FLAT ROCK
Wednesday, Oct. 8
Milan 8, Taylor Prep 0
Thursday, Oct. 9
Flat Rock 4, Dundee 2; Ida 8, Romulus Summit Academy North 0
Tuesday, Oct. 14
Ida 1, Milan 0; Grosse Ile 3, Flat Rock 0
Thursday, Oct. 16
Finals: Grosse Ile 3, Ida 0

REGIONAL SCHEDULE
DIVISION 1
AT SALINE
Tuesday, Oct. 21
Canton vs. Allen Park/Dearborn Edsel Ford, 5 p.m.; Huron vs. Detroit UD Jesuit, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 23
Finals, 6 p.m.
* Winner advances to state semifinals at Troy

DIVISION 3
AT DETROIT COUNTRY DAY
Tuesday, Oct. 21
Greenhills vs. Detroit Country Day, 5 p.m.; Imlay City vs. Grosse Ile, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 23
Finals, 6 p.m.
* Winner advances to state semifinals at Howell

SPORTS

NBA PREVIEW

Burning questions for NBA season

Continues from B1

is the only key member of its rotation who is older than 30. Coach Mark Daigneault is also positioned to manage minutes for his key players: Oklahoma City goes two deep at every position and can look forward to plenty of garbage time after winning 40 games by at least 15 points last season.

Where are the vulnerabilities?

The league's best defense will probably continue to be near-impenetrable, but the Thunder's offense struggled at times on the road in the playoffs, and Gilgeous-Alexander showed signs of fatigue as the marathon Finals unfolded. Oklahoma City's attack is reliant upon a fair number of so-so shooters hitting 3-pointers to open things up for Gilgeous-Alexander and Williams, which leads to occasional droughts and choppy play. And while Oklahoma City got by during extended injuries to Holmgren and center Isaiah Hartenstein last season, the road would get much tougher if Gilgeous-Alexander or Williams were to miss significant time.

The oddsmakers have installed the Thunder as strong preseason title favorites, in part because none of its top competition enjoyed transformational summers.

In the East, the Pacers, the Boston Celtics and the Milwaukee Bucks were all hurt by major injuries. Out West, the Nuggets and the Houston Rockets can claim to be offseason winners, but they have a lot of ground to make up given that Oklahoma City won the conference by 16 games last year.

Los Angeles Lakers forward LeBron James drives to the basket in a game last season.
Sean Meagher, Advance Local files

WHO REPLACES THE CELTICS ATOP THE EAST?

Since James left the Cleveland Cavaliers for the Los Angeles Lakers in 2018, the Celtics have reigned over the Eastern Conference. Over the past seven seasons, the Celtics won one championship, reached the Finals twice, made the Eastern Conference finals four times and never missed the playoffs. Boston has won a league-best 63 playoff games during that span and Milwaukee ranks a distant second among East teams with 42.

The Celtics can't expect to keep up their typical pace without franchise forward Tatum, who was lost to a season-ending Achilles injury during the playoffs. Tatum is pushing hard to get back on the court, but Boston also lost Jrue Holiday and Kristaps Porzingis in salary-slashing summer trades and watched big men Al Horford and Luke Kornet find new homes in free agency.

While there's enough talent to be competitive during Tatum's gap year, Boston's thin frontcourt rotation opens the door for the rest of the conference. Unfortunately for several rivals, the timing of Boston's regression isn't ideal: The Pacers will be without Haliburton due to an Achilles injury, the Bucks waived Damian Lillard after an Achilles injury, the Philadelphia 76ers continue to be hamstrung by injuries to Embiid and Paul George, and the Miami Heat is in transition following Jimmy Butler's ugly trade saga.

Who's left? The Cavaliers and the New York Knicks. The Cavaliers won 64 games last season before the injury bug bit in the playoffs, and they are seeking their first Finals appearance without James in franchise history. Knicks fans, meanwhile, are dreaming of their first Finals appearance since 1999 after having their hearts ripped out by Haliburton and the Pacers in last year's conference finals.

CAN LUKA DONCIC REDISCOVER HIS MAGIC?

Lakers guard Luka Doncic put up 28.2 points, 8.2 rebounds and 7.7 assists per game last season — a stat line matched only by Nuggets center Nikola Jokic. Make no mistake: Gaudy numbers aside, Doncic's whirlwind season was clearly disappointing by his high standards.

Though Doncic couldn't control the fact that he was blindsided by a midseason trade, he played a career-low 50 games and saw his overall output dip sharply from his last full season with the Dallas Mavericks. Doncic's playoff run was forgettable: The Lakers were bounced in the first round, and his conditioning wasn't up to par. Doncic responded by shedding weight during the offseason and committing to the Lakers on a three-year, $165 million extension.

But high expectations are inescapable in Hollywood. The Lakers have advanced in the playoffs just once in the past five years, and the 26-year-old Doncic is playing in the shadow of his sensational run to the 2024 Finals with Dallas. Given the hype around his acquisition and his fitness-focused summer, the pressure is on Doncic to deliver an MVP-caliber season and a real playoff run.

WILL LEBRON BE ON THE MOVE?

For the first time in his career, James has been demoted to subplot status. The 40-year-old superstar forward didn't receive a contract extension from the Lakers this summer, leaving him to play on an expiring deal. After saying all the right things at media day, James sat out training camp and is expected to miss the opening portion of the season as he deals with sciatica — a nerve condition in his back.

The Lakers were constructed as a two-star model, and they need Doncic and James to play at a high level to have any hope of contending. But this doesn't necessarily look like a long-term partnership: Both stars need the ball, the Lakers have signaled that Doncic represents the franchise's future, and James' playoff impact has slipped in recent years.

DID KEVIN DURANT FIND A FUNCTIONAL HOME?

Unlike James, Kevin Durant settled his business during the summer thanks to a trade that sent him from the Phoenix Suns to the Rockets. After a star-crossed stint with the Brooklyn Nets and a demoralizing run in Phoenix, Durant has joined a young, defensive-minded team that finished second in the Western Conference with 52 wins. The Rockets are well-coached by Ime Udoka, and they have plenty of athletes to help cover for Durant's age-related slippage.

Houston's best-case scenario involves Durant providing reliable scoring and clutch shot-making to power a deep playoff run. The loss of lead guard Fred VanVleet, who suffered a season-ending knee injury in September, made achieving that goal more difficult.

WILL VICTOR WEMBANYAMA MAKE THE PLAYOFF LEAP?

It's easy to forget that Wembanyama showed major progress in his second season before suffering a season-ending blood clot in his shoulder in February. The 2023 No. 1 pick made the most of his long summer, traveling the world in preparation for a possible breakthrough third season for the San Antonio Spurs. While the 7-foot-5 French center might enter the season as something of a forgotten man, it shouldn't take more than a week of his impossible blocks and jaw-dropping dunks to return him to the national radar.

James, Durant and Anthony Davis are among the highly touted draft prospects who entered the MVP conversation and made their playoff debuts during their respective third seasons. To follow that path, Wembanyama must jell with star guard De'Aaron Fox, who was acquired from the Sacramento Kings in a midseason deal last year, and carry a defense that will feature plenty of young pieces, including rookies Dylan Harper and Carter Bryant.

WHAT CAN WE EXPECT FROM COOPER FLAGG?

Cooper Flagg is the definition of a basketball prodigy: The Maine native was the No. 1 pick and the youngest player in June's draft after establishing himself as the best player in college basketball during his freshman year at Duke. With Irving sidelined for some, or all, of this season with a knee injury, the Mavericks plan to test Flagg's readiness by putting the ball in his hands as a playmaker.

Even the most talented and polished rookies experience a learning curve, and Flagg will be tasked with setting up a veteran roster that includes Davis, an all-star forward, and centers Dereck Lively II and Daniel Gafford. Given the limited backcourt options around Flagg, Dallas will be counting on him to be a scorer, too.

Flagg's pedigree as a coveted prospect and his experienced supporting cast place him at the head of the rookie-of-the-year list. From a statistical standpoint, one possible comparison would be Paolo Banchero, another former No. 1 pick from Duke. Banchero, who posted similar college numbers to Flagg, averaged 20 points, 6.9 rebounds and 3.7 assists for the Orlando Magic to win 2023 rookie of the year.

DID THE NUGGETS GET NIKOLA JOKIC ENOUGH HELP?

Just as Oklahoma City is the odds-on title favorite, Denver enters the season as the consensus top challenger. Jokic, a do-everything center, has finished first or second in MVP voting for five consecutive years, and he pushed the Thunder to seven games in the conference semifinals despite the firing of Coach Michael Malone shortly before the playoffs and injuries to Aaron Gordon and Michael Porter Jr.

Denver finished its housecleaning this summer, naming interim coach David Adelman as Malone's permanent replacement and installing Ben Tenzer and Jon Wallace to run the front office. The early returns were strong: The Nuggets traded Porter for Cam Johnson and brought back guard Bruce Brown, who was a key piece of their 2023 championship team. Denver also let Russell Westbrook go — a move that could be viewed as addition by subtraction — and added veterans Tim Hardaway Jr. and Jonas Valanciunas to the bench.

Oklahoma City still boasts more talent, but the 30-year-old Jokic remains the best player in the sport and he will be surrounded by a battle-tested and complementary core. Johnson should replace Porter's outside shooting, and guard Christian Braun showed rapid improvement last year in his first run as a full-time starter.

WHICH TEAMS COULD MAKE A PACERS-LIKE RUN?

As the NBA begins its 80th season, it's worth noting that it might be another 80 years until an unheralded team enjoys an improbable postseason joyride like the Pacers' run to the 2025 Finals.

A recap: Indiana had a losing record on Jan. 1, gained momentum after the all-star break, entered the playoffs as the No. 4 seed in the East and came within one win of its first NBA championship thanks to four Haliburton game-winners in the postseason. Haliburton's Achilles injury, which he suffered in Game 7 against the Thunder, instantly became one of the all-time "What if" moments in league history.

Replicating all of that is too much to ask of any team this year, but the wide-open nature of the East should create opportunities for young teams such as the Magic, the Detroit Pistons and the Atlanta Hawks to make noise in the playoffs.

The Pistons have surrounded dynamic former No. 1 pick Cade Cunningham with a physical supporting cast and shooters and could be the next team in the East to make a playoff jump.

NBA

Preseason standout could provide answer for Detroit depth

Pistons' Jaden Ivey will miss first few weeks of the season.

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DETROIT — The Detroit Pistons didn't make it to the first tip off at Little Caesars Arena before the first piece of injury news dropped for the upcoming season.

After working for months to make his return to the court, Jaden Ivey will have to wait a little longer to return to NBA regular-season action after undergoing an arthroscopic procedure to relieve right knee discomfort.

It's a heartbreaking blow for Ivey, who suffered a season-ending injury on Jan. 1.

The Pistons are now tasked with replacing one of their key pieces for at least four weeks, when Ivey will next be assessed.

Detroit spent plenty of time without him last season, but had options at guard in Tim Hardaway Jr. and Malik Beasley ahead of the acquisition of Dennis Schröder at the trade deadline.

All three are gone, but coach J.B. Bickerstaff is confident that they have the guys to pick up the slack.

"If healthy, we have the guys that can fill those spots. Playing with (Ausar Thompson) with the ball in his hands more. Caris (LeVert) has the ability to do that," Bickerstaff said. "We've been extremely pleased with Marcus Sasser and how he's been able to help us. We've got guys that we feel confident in all the way to (two-way player Daniss Jenkins). I feel confident you can put Daniss in a game right now and he can be impactful. So we're confident in how we're going to fill it. We just have to come up with the combinations that we think work best."

The Pistons spent their final preseason matchup Thursday against Washington running through different looks, playing their guard options outside of Sasser, who has been dealing with hip tightness.

LeVert and Duncan Robinson come in as veteran options with versatility. The former Michigan standouts joined the Pistons this offseason. Robinson started in the second guard spot next to Cade Cunningham on Thursday.

But there's young talent such as Sasser, Thompson and Jenkins who will vie to take on some of the production expected out of Ivey.

Thompson has been more ball dominant throughout preseason, showcasing his growth after developing through a full offseason without dealing with an injury. He looked set to resume his role as a starter regardless, but now he could be asked to do more in his third season.

Sasser — also entering his third season — is coming along as a point guard, but his sample size in preseason has been small due to the hip issue, which the Pistons are being cautious with.

Throughout Detroit's four preseason games, it was hard not to notice the flashes of excellence from Jenkins.

With the Motor City Cruise in the G League last season, Jenkins averaged 21.2 points, 7.3 assists and 1.9 steals per game.

During preseason, the 24-year-old averaged 11.5 points on 51.7% shooting with four assists and 1.3 steals per game. He has been explosive off the bench, driving to the rim or showcasing his 55.6% rate from beyond the arc, while being disruptive on the defensive end.

Jenkins' teammates see the path he has set for himself and don't doubt he can be impactful for the team.

"He's been great for a long time now. He's been doing his thing day in and day out, working, being in the gym...being vocal, being loud. He makes it hard for people not to notice him," Cunningham said. "That's the thing I love about him so much. He's a great dude. He's a better dude than basketball player. He's just a guy you want around. He took full advantage of this opportunity as far as getting real minutes in preseason. I thought he did great."

Jenkins is ready to step in for the Pistons. He played in seven games for Detroit last season, but in Year 2 he knows he's an underdog and needs to prove every day why he belongs on an NBA court.

As two-way player, Jenkins can be active for up to 50 games with the Pistons.

With a key injury and some early performances to back up his talk, the opportunities could start coming.

"I'm just trying to show that, like I always say, I can run a team," Jenkins said. "I can be whatever the coaches need me to be, whatever the organization needs me to be. I can be that and I can show that and I'm willing to do whatever they want me to do."

SPORTS

NFL

Hot hand vs. big contract: Panthers' backfield battle heats up

Carolina Panthers running back Rico Dowdle (5) has racked up 389 rushing yards the past two weeks. *Erik Verduzco, AP file*

After Rico Dowdle's explosive two-game run, Carolina must decide between keeping momentum or returning to $33M starter Chuba Hubbard against Jets.

Steve Reed *Associated Press*

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Carolina Panthers running back Rico Dowdle said he isn't concerned about if he'll start or who'll see the bulk of the carries on Sunday against the New York Jets.

He understands the situation.

Dowdle is coming off two career games in which he racked up 389 yards on the ground and 473 yards from scrimmage. But Chuba Hubbard is set to return this week from a calf injury after missing two games.

Hubbard has been the team's starting running back the past two seasons. He earned a $33 million contract after rushing for nearly 1,200 yards and 10 TDs in 2024.

Panthers coach Dave Canales hasn't said who is going to start this weekend. But he made it clear Dowdle will have a chance to have a big impact as the Panthers (3-3) look to earn their first road win this season.

"I think he's earned everything that he's done in the last two weeks," Canales said of Dowdle. "He's earned the right to help this team, and he will. We'll find a way to do that. How we do that specifically, I don't wanna really share those details of it."

Dowdle shrugged off talk of who'll be the primary ball carrier.

"It's all up to the coaches about what goes on," Dowdle said. "Obviously Chuba's been here and he's got his contract and things like that, and it's been his team from the jump, so you got to just take all that into account for sure."

Dowdle ran for 23 times for 206 yards against the Miami Dolphins, then dominated his former team, the Dallas Cowboys, for 183 yards on the ground on 30 carries.

Dowdle acknowledged there's definitely something to be said about the importance of a running back getting into a rhythm as the game goes on, but added that he doesn't think that will be an issue in Carolina. He was quick to point out that he cramped up in the fourth quarter of the past two home games, so having others who can handle the load will help.

Trevor Etienne has been his primary backup the past two games, although Dee-Jay Dallas has seen time, too.

"The way I think we'll do it, I don't think it'll be hard to get into a rhythm at all, especially the way those guys blocking up front," Dowdle said.

Both running backs have been in this situation before.

Hubbard found himself in a split-back system in 2022 in Carolina when he shared reps with D'Onta Foreman, while Dowdle found himself splitting carries with Ezekiel Elliott early last season with the Cowboys.

Hubbard knows the running-back playing time is clearly the topic of the week connected to the team, but he's not concerning himself too much with how things will shake out against the Jets, who are ranked 23rd in the league in run defense, allowing 130 yards per game.

The two share a friendship, and Hubbard has regularly been the first one to congratulate Dowdle on the sideline when he comes off the field following a big run.

"Rico has done an amazing job," Hubbard said. "He's showing his best with the opportunity that he has been given. I know he will do that over and over again this season."

NFL

Jaguars, Rams approach London trip differently

Jacksonville's early arrival and Los Angeles's delayed touchdown highlight different philosophies on managing player performance across time zones.

Ken Maguire *Associated Press*

Jacksonville Jaguars head coach Liam Coen is getting his team ready to play the Los Angeles Rams on Sunday in London. *Kin Cheung, Associated Press*

LONDON — Jet lag researchers might want to keep an eye on Sunday's game in London between the Jacksonville Jaguars and Los Angeles Rams at Wembley Stadium.

The Rams aren't scheduled to arrive in England until Saturday morning, a day later than their arrivals to London under coach Sean McVay in 2017 and 2019.

The Jags changed up their template, too. They typically arrive on a Friday. But a year after a hurricane delayed their departure to London, the Jags arrived Tuesday.

"Is it an advantage? I don't know, there's sports science that supports both," Jags coach Liam Coen said Wednesday before practice at The Grove hotel north of London.

Both teams are 4-2, and Jacksonville is looking to rebound from a 20-12 loss to Seattle.

"I just thought it was a great opportunity for our guys to get here, be able to be together a little bit more, have a little bit more continuity," he added.

Jaguars quarterback Trevor Lawrence, who has played six games in London, likes the early arrival.

"This gives us a good opportunity to get our rest and get adjusted by the time Sunday comes around, and obviously, too, you can get a couple good days of practice out here, get acclimated," Lawrence said.

Coen worked under McVay for several seasons, most recently as the Rams' offensive coordinator in 2022.

"I fully understand — working with Sean, knowing their sports science behind why they are leaving later," Coen said. "We had the same opportunity to make that decision and we just chose to come a little bit earlier."

The decision, he said, was partly related to having a bye next week.

The game Sunday will be Jacksonville's 14th in London. Starting in the 2015 season, the Jags' schedule for the trip was to depart Thursday evening and land Friday morning, according to the team.

After their delayed arrival last year, the team canceled a Friday news conference outside London and rescheduled it for the next day.

The Jags had back-to-back games in London last year. In the first one, they lost 35-16 to the Chicago Bears at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium. The following week, the Jags beat the New England Patriots 32-16 at Wembley Stadium.

The Rams stayed in Baltimore after beating the Ravens 17-3 on Sunday. They are holding practices this week at Camden Yards — home of the Baltimore Orioles — and will leave Friday evening for London, the team confirmed.

They followed a similar pattern in 2017 — McVay's first season as Rams coach — and again two years later, though both times they arrived on a Friday morning. Following games at Jacksonville (2017) and at Atlanta (2019), they had stayed on the East Coast both times.

The Rams routed the Arizona Cardinals 33-0 at Twickenham Stadium in 2017 and beat the Cincinnati Bengals 24-10 in 2019 at Wembley.

NHL

Larkin's overtime goal lifts Red Wings past Lightning, 2-1

DETROIT — Dylan Larkin scored on a breakaway 3:36 into overtime to give the Detroit Red Wings a 2-1 victory over the Tampa Bay Lightning on Friday night.

Axel Sandin-Pellikka scored his first NHL goal during the first period. It was also the first career point for the 20-year-old Swedish defenseman. Larkin assisted on Sandin-Pellikka's goal and has at least one point in each of Detroit's five games.

John Gibson made 32 saves for the Red Wings.

Both teams played without their top scorers from last season.

Tampa Bay star forward Nikita Kucherov was a late scratch due to an illness. Detroit's Lucas Raymond missed his second game due to an upper body injury.

The Red Wings host Edmonton today.

BASEBALL

Los Angeles Dodgers' Shohei Ohtani hit three home runs in Friday's NLCS game. *Ashley Landis, Associated Press*

Ohtani hits 3 homers, strikes out 10 in clinching NLCS win

LOS ANGELES — Shohei Ohtani propelled the Los Angeles Dodgers back to the World Series with a two-way performance for the ages.

Ohtani hit three homers and struck out 10 while pitching shutout ball into the seventh inning, and the Dodgers swept the Milwaukee Brewers out of the National League Championship Series with a 5-1 victory in Game 4 on Friday night.

"That was probably the greatest postseason performance of all time," Dodgers manager Dave Roberts said. "There's been a lot of postseason games. And there's a reason why he's the greatest player on the planet."

After striking out three in the top of the first inning, Ohtani hit the first leadoff homer by a pitcher in major league history off Brewers starter Jose Quintana.

Ohtani followed with a 469-foot drive in the fourth, and a solo shot in the seventh, becoming the 12th big league player to hit three homers in a postseason game.

Following a 9-1 rampage through the NL playoffs, the Dodgers are headed to the World Series for the 23rd time in franchise history, including 14 pennants since moving from Brooklyn to Los Angeles.

Los Angeles will have a week off before the World Series begins Friday, either in Toronto or at Dodger Stadium against Seattle. The Mariners beat the Blue Jays 6-2 earlier Friday to take a 3-2 lead in the ALCS, which continues today at Rogers Centre.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Cincinnati edges U-M hoops in exhibition game

ANN ARBOR — Dusty May said he wanted Michigan to lose its exhibition basketball games. He got his wish Friday night, as his Wolverines could not overcome a disastrous first half and lost 100-98 to Cincinnati at Crisler Center.

Thankfully for Michigan it did not count, which was May's original point when he spoke about exhibitions last month. He wanted any weaknesses to get exposed before the real games begin.

Michigan, ranked No. 7 in the preseason AP Top 25 poll, committed 20 turnovers and allowed the visitors to shoot 55 percent.

Michigan's Yaxel Lendeborg, a transfer from UAB, finished with 31 points and 12 rebounds. Roddy Gayle Jr. added 18 points. Elliott Cadeau, the starting point guard who transferred from North Carolina, scored 12 of his 14 points at the foul line and added seven assists.

COLLEGE HOCKEY

Michigan improves to 6-0

The Michigan hockey team is 6-0 for the first time since the 1979-80 season.

The fourth-ranked Wolverines completed a two-game sweep over Robert Morris on Friday with a 10-2 victory at Yost Ice Arena.

Senior forward Josh Eernisse, who had one goal in 36 games last season, recorded his second two-goal game of the year and added an assist. — *MLive.com*

SPORTS

PRO BASEBALL

MLB postseason schedule

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

(Best-of-7; x-denotes if necessary)

Sunday, Oct. 12
Seattle 3, Toronto 1
Monday, Oct. 13
Seattle 10, Toronto 3
L.A. Dodgers 2, Milwaukee 1
Tuesday, Oct. 14
L.A. Dodgers 2, Milwaukee 1
Wednesday, Oct. 15
Toronto 13, Seattle 4
Thursday, Oct. 16
L.A. Dodgers 3, Milwaukee 1
Toronto 8, Seattle 2
Friday, Oct. 17
Seattle 6, Toronto 2, Seattle leads series 3-2
L.A. Dodgers 5, Milwaukee 1, L.A. Dodgers win series 4-0
Sunday, Oct. 19
Seattle at Toronto (Yesavage 1-0), 8:03 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 20
x-Seattle at Toronto, 8:08 p.m.

WORLD SERIES

(Best-of-7; x-denotes if necessary)

Friday, Oct. 24
Toronto or Seattle at L.A. Dodgers, TBD
Saturday, Oct. 25
Toronto or Seattle at L.A. Dodgers, TBD
Monday, Oct. 27
L.A. Dodgers at Toronto or Seattle, TBD
Tuesday, Oct. 28
L.A. Dodgers at Toronto or Seattle, TBD
Wednesday, Oct. 29
x-L.A. Dodgers at Toronto or Seattle, TBD
Friday, Oct. 31
x-Toronto or Seattle at L.A. Dodgers, TBD
Saturday, Nov. 1
x-Toronto or Seattle at L.A. Dodgers, TBD

PRO FOOTBALL

NFL standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	4	2	0	.667	167	137
New England	4	2	0	.667	150	120
Miami	1	5	0	.167	134	174
N.Y. Jets	0	6	0	.000	123	170
South	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Indianapolis	5	1	0	.833	194	116
Jacksonville	4	2	0	.667	139	120
Houston	2	3	0	.400	108	61
Tennessee	1	5	0	.167	83	161
North	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Pittsburgh	4	2	0	.667	150	140
Cincinnati	3	4	0	.429	136	214
Baltimore	1	5	0	.167	144	194
Cleveland	1	5	0	.167	82	146
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Denver	4	2	0	.667	130	95
LA Chargers	4	2	0	.667	127	125
Kansas City	3	3	0	.500	155	124
Las Vegas	2	4	0	.333	103	149

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	4	2	0	.667	142	143
Washington	3	3	0	.500	158	126
Dallas	2	3	1	.417	178	184
N.Y. Giants	2	4	0	.333	121	144
South	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Tampa Bay	5	1	0	.833	165	151
Atlanta	3	2	0	.600	100	100
Carolina	3	3	0	.500	132	146
N. Orleans	1	5	0	.167	111	160
North	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Green Bay	3	1	1	.700	131	102
Detroit	4	2	0	.667	191	142
Chicago	3	2	0	.600	126	141
Minnesota	3	2	0	.600	123	97
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
L.A. Rams	4	2	0	.667	140	110
San Fran.	4	2	0	.667	125	128
Seattle	4	2	0	.667	166	117
Arizona	2	4	0	.333	130	127

WEEK 7

Thursday, Oct. 16
Cincinnati 33, Pittsburgh 31
Sunday, Oct. 19
L.A. Rams vs Jacksonville at London, 9:30 a.m.
Carolina at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Las Vegas at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Miami at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
New England at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at LA Chargers, 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Denver, 4:05 p.m.
Green Bay at Arizona, 4:25 p.m.
Washington at Dallas, 4:25 p.m.
Atlanta at San Francisco, 8:20 p.m.
Open: Baltimore, Buffalo
Monday, Oct. 20
Tampa Bay at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Houston at Seattle, 10 p.m.

WEEK 8

Thursday, Oct. 23
Minnesota at L.A. Chargers, 8:15 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 26
Buffalo at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at New England, 1 p.m.
Miami at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Houston, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at New Orleans, 4:05 p.m.
Dallas at Denver, 4:25 p.m.
Tennessee at Indianapolis, 4:25 p.m.
Green Bay at Pittsburgh, 8:20 p.m.
Open: Jacksonville, Las Vegas, Arizona, Detroit, L.A. Rams, Seattle
Monday, Oct. 27
Washington at Kansas City, 8:15 p.m.

PRO BASKETBALL

NBA regular-season schedule

Tuesday, Oct. 21
Houston at Oklahoma City, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at L.A. Lakers, 10 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 22
Cleveland at New York, 7 p.m.
Brooklyn at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Miami at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago, 8 p.m.
New Orleans at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Washington at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Utah, 9 p.m.
San Antonio at Dallas, 9:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
Minnesota at Portland, 10 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 23
Oklahoma City at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Golden State, 10 p.m.

South Lyon East's Lillian Taylor is shown during the opening round of the MHSAA Division 1 girls golf state finals at The Meadows on the campus of Grand Valley State University in Allendale. For coverage of golf and tennis state finals, go online at www.highschoolsports.mlive.com
Joel Bissell, MLive.com

HOCKEY

NHL standings

(Through Friday's Games)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	5	4	1	0	8	16	12
Montreal	5	4	1	0	8	18	14
Toronto	5	3	2	0	6	19	16
Boston	5	3	2	0	6	18	15
Florida	6	3	3	0	6	15	17
Tampa Bay	5	1	2	2	4	14	18
Ottawa	5	2	3	0	4	16	25
Buffalo	4	1	3	0	2	10	14
Metropolitan	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Carolina	4	4	0	0	8	19	8
Washington	5	4	1	0	8	14	8
New Jersey	4	3	1	0	6	14	12
Pittsburgh	5	3	2	0	6	15	15
N.Y. Rangers	6	2	3	1	5	11	9
Philadelphia	4	1	2	1	3	11	13
Columbus	4	1	3	0	2	11	13
N.Y. Islanders	4	1	3	0	2	11	15

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	5	4	0	1	9	17	9
Winnipeg	4	3	1	0	6	17	11
Dallas	4	3	1	0	6	18	15
Utah	5	3	2	0	6	14	11
Nashville	5	2	1	2	6	14	15
Chicago	6	2	2	2	6	20	17
St. Louis	4	2	2	0	4	12	17
Minnesota	5	2	3	0	4	16	20
Pacific	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Vegas	5	3	0	2	8	20	18
Seattle	4	2	0	2	6	12	11
Vancouver	5	3	2	0	6	16	14
Edmonton	4	2	1	1	5	10	9
Anaheim	4	2	2	0	4	13	16
Los Angeles	5	1	3	1	3	14	20
San Jose	4	0	2	2	2	13	22
Calgary	5	1	4	0	2	10	19

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

Sunday's Games
Vancouver at Washington, 12:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Detroit, 3 p.m.
Anaheim at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Boston at Utah, 7 p.m.
Monday's Games
Minnesota at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Seattle at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Winnipeg at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.
Carolina at Vegas, 10 p.m.
Tuesday's Games
Edmonton at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Toronto, 7 p.m.
San Jose at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Seattle at Washington, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Florida at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Columbus at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Los Angeles at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Colorado at Utah, 10 p.m.

SOCCER

MLS standings

(Through Friday's Matches)

Eastern	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	20	7	6	66	57	33
Cincinnati	19	9	5	62	49	40
Inter Miami CF	18	7	8	62	76	53
Charlotte FC	18	13	2	56	53	46
New York City FC	17	11	5	56	49	42
Nashville	16	11	6	54	56	40
Orlando City	14	8	11	53	61	47
Chicago	15	11	7	52	66	58
Columbus	13	8	12	51	52	50
New York	12	14	7	43	47	44
New England	9	16	8	35	42	49
Toronto FC	5	14	14	29	33	42
CF Montréal	6	17	10	28	34	57
Atlanta	5	16	12	27	37	62
D.C. United	5	18	10	25	29	65
Western	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Vancouver	18	6	9	63	65	36
San Diego FC	18	9	6	60	60	41
Los Angeles FC	17	8	8	59	63	38
Minnesota United	16	7	10	58	55	37
Seattle	14	9	10	52	56	47
Austin FC	13	12	8	47	36	43
Portland	11	11	11	44	41	44
FC Dallas	10	12	11	41	50	54
Real Salt Lake	12	17	4	40	36	47
Colorado	11	15	7	40	42	54
San Jose	10	15	8	38	58	62
Houston	9	15	9	36	43	56
St Louis City	8	18	7	31	42	56
Kansas City	7	20	6	27	46	70
LA Galaxy	6	18	9	27	44	65

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

End of regular season

NWSL standings

(Through Friday's Matches)

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Kansas City	20	2	2	62	47	11
Washington	12	4	8	44	40	29
Seattle	10	7	8	38	31	28
Orlando	10	8	6	36	29	24
Gotham FC	9	7	8	35	31	20
San Diego	9	8	7	34	34	31
Portland	9	8	7	34	32	29
Louisville	9	9	6	33	32	36
North Carolina	8	9	8	32	34	37
Angel City	7	11	6	27	30	37
Houston	7	11	6	27	26	37
Utah Royals FC	5	13	7	22	27	42
Bay FC	4	13	8	20	26	40
Chicago	2	11	11	17	29	47

NOTE: Three points for victory.

Sunday, Oct. 19
Louisville at Gotham FC, 3 p.m.
Portland at Angel City, 5 p.m.

AUTO RACING

NASCAR Cup Series Schedule

Oct. 19 — Talladega, Talladega, Ala.
Oct. 26 — Martinsville, Ridgeway, Va.
Nov. 2 — NASCAR Championship, Avondale, Ariz.

Standings: 1. Hamlin, 4,095; 2. Larson, 4,087; 3. Bell, 4,071; 4. Briscoe, 4,066; 5. Byron, 4,052; 6. Elliott, 4,043; 7. Logano, 4,042; 8. Blaney, 4,035; 9. Reddick, 2,231; 10. Wallace, 2,197; 11. Chastain, 2,186; 12. VanGisbergen, 2,146; 13. Bowman, 2,143; 14. Cindric, 2,120; 15. Dillon, 2,104; 16. Berry, 2,089.

Formula One schedule

Oct. 19 — United States Grand Prix, Austin, Texas
Oct. 26 — Gran Premio de Mexico, Mexico City
Nov. 9 — Sao Paulo Grand Prix, Brazil
Nov. 23 — Las Vegas Grand Prix
Nov. 30 — Qatar GP, Doha, Qatar
Dec. 7 — Abu Dhabi Grand Prix, United Arab Emirates

Standings: 1. Oscar Piastri, 336; 2. Lando Norris, 314; 3. Max Verstappen, 273; 4. George Russell, 237; 5. Charles Leclerc, 173; 6. Lewis Hamilton, 127; 7. Andrea Kimi Antonelli, 88; 8. Alexander Albon, 70; 9. Isack Hadjar, 39; 10. Nico Hulkenberg, 37; 11. Fernando Alonso, 34; 12. Carlos Sainz Jr., 32.

GOLF

PGA Tour Schedule

Oct. 23-26 — Black Desert Championship, Ivins, Utah
Nov. 6-9 — World Wide Technology Championship, Cabo San Lucas, Mexico
Nov. 13-16 — Bermuda Championship, Southampton, Bermuda
Nov. 20-23 — The RSM Classic, Sea Island, Ga.
Dec. 4-7 — Hero World Challenge, Nassau, Bahamas
Dec. 12-14 — Grant Thornton Invitational, Naples, Fla.

LPGA Tour Schedule

Oct. 16-19 — BMW Ladies Championship
Oct. 30-Nov. 2 — Maybank Championship, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Nov. 6-9 — Toto Classic, Otsu, Japan
Nov. 13-16 — The Annika, Belleair, Fla.
Nov. 20-23 — CME Group Tour Championship, Naples, Fla.
Dec. 12-14 — Grant Thornton Invitational, Naples, Fla.

PGA Champions Tour Schedule

Oct. 17-19 — Dominion Energy Charity Classic, Richmond, Va.
Oct. 24-26 — Simmons Bank Championship, Little Rock, Ark.
Nov. 13-16 — Charles Schwab Cup Championship, Phoenix

— Associated Press

ON TELEVISION

SUNDAY

AUTO RACING
2 p.m. NASCAR Cup, Talladega. NBC
3 p.m. Formula 1, United States Grand Prix. ABC
BASEBALL
8 p.m. MLB Playoffs, ALCS, Seattle at Toronto. FS1
BASKETBALL
10:30 a.m. German Cup, Alba Berlin vs. Ulm. NBA
FOOTBALL
9:30 a.m. L.A. Rams vs. Jacksonville. NFL
1 p.m. NFL, Las Vegas at Kansas City. CBS
1 p.m. NFL, Philadelphia at Minnesota. Fox
4:25 p.m. NFL, Green Bay vs. Arizona. Fox
8:20 p.m. NFL, Atlanta at San Francisco. NBC
GOLF
3 a.m. DP World Tour, India Championship, Final Round. Golf
2 p.m. Champions, Dominion Energy Charity Classic, Final Round. Golf
HOCKEY
3 p.m. NHL, Edmonton at Detroit. FDSN
7 p.m. NHL, Boston at Utah. NHL
SOCCER
7 a.m. Scottish Premier, Celtic at Dundee. CBSSN
9 a.m. English Premier, Aston Villa at Tottenham Hotspur. USA
9 a.m. Italian Serie A, Bologna at Cagliari. CBSSN
11:30 a.m. English Premier, Manchester United at Liverpool. USA
3 p.m. Women's College, Texas Tech at Arizona. ESPNU
4 p.m. Women's College, TBD at Washington. BTN
5 p.m. NWSL, Portland at Angel City. ESPN
5 p.m. Womens' College, Tennessee at Vanderbilt. ESPNU
5 p.m. USL Championship, Oakland at New Mexico. CBSSN
6 p.m. Women's College, Northwestern at Purdue. BTN
7 p.m. Women's Italian Serie, Inter Milan vs. Parma. CBSSN
OTHER
11 a.m. Fishing, Counce, Tenn. CBSSN
Noon College Volleyball, Ohio State at Indiana. BTN
1 p.m. Horse Racing. FS2
1 p.m. College Volleyball, Pittsburgh at Louisville. ESPN
Noon College Volleyball, USC at Wisconsin. BTN
3 p.m. College Volleyball, Florida at Kentucky. ESPN
8:30 p.m. College Volleyball, Oklahoma at Texas. ESPN

MONDAY

BASEBALL
8 p.m. MLB Playoffs, ALCS, Seattle at Toronto, if necessary. Fox, FS1
FOOTBALL
7 p.m. NFL, Tampa Bay at Detroit. ABC, ESPN
10 p.m. NFL, Houston at Seattle. ESPN
HOCKEY
7 p.m. NHL, Minnesota at N.Y. Rangers. NHL
SOCCER
3 p.m. English Premier, West Ham United vs. Brentford. USA
6 p.m. Men's College, Washington at Penn State. BTN
8 p.m. Men's College, UCLA at Michigan State. BTN

TUESDAY

BASKETBALL
7:30 p.m. NBA, Houston at Oklahoma City. NBC, Peacock
10 p.m. NBA, Golden State at L.A. Lakers. NBC, Peacock
FOOTBALL
7 p.m. College, Keneesaw St. at Florida International. ESPN
7:30 p.m. College, Western Kentucky at Louisiana Tech. CBSSN
HOCKEY
7:30 p.m. NHL, Florida at Boston. ESPN
10 pm.. NHL, Colorado at Utah. ESPN
SOCCER
3 p.m. UEFA Champions, Benfica vs. Newcastle. CBSSN
7 p.m. Men's College, Wisconsin at Indiana. BTN

WEDNESDAY

BASKETBALL
6:30 p.m. Women's College, Michigan Tech at Michigan State. BTN+
7 p.m. NBA, Cleveland at New York. ESPN
8 p.m. NBA, Detroit at Chicago. FDSN
9:30 p.m. NBA, San Antonio at Dallas. ESPN
FOOTBALL
7:30 p.m. College, Middle Tennessee State at Delaware. ESPN2
9 p.m. College, Missouri St. at New Mexico State. CBSSN
GOLF
10 p.m. LPGA, Hanwha International Crown, First Round. Golf
HOCKEY
7:30 p.m. NHL, Detroit at Buffalo. TNT
SOCCER
3 p.m. UEFA Champions, Club Brugge vs. Bayern Munich. CBSSN
9 p.m. Women's College, Santa Clara at Gonzaga. ESPNU

Sports calendar

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR
DETROIT LIONS		vs. T.B. 7 p.m. ABC, ESPN			Next: Nov. 2 vs. Minnesota
DETROIT RED WINGS	vs. Edmonton 3 p.m. FDSN			at Buffalo 7:30 p.m. TNT	at NYI 7 p.m FDSN
DETROIT PISTONS				at Chicago 8 p.m. FDSN	
MICHIGAN					FB: Next, Saturday at MSU
MICHIGAN STATE					BB: vs. BG, Exhibition 7 p.m.

OTHER
8 p.m. College Volleyball, TCU at Kansas. FS1
10 p.m. College Volleyball, Oregon at UCLA. BTN

THURSDAY

BASKETBALL
7 p.m. College, Bowling Green at Michigan State. BTN+
7 p.m. Women's College, Michigan vs. Ferris St. BTN+
7:30 p.m. NBA, Oklahoma City at Indiana. ESPN
10 p.m. NBA, Denver at Golden State. ESPN
FOOTBALL
7:30 p.m. College, South Alabama at Georgia St. ESPN2
8:15 p.m. NFL, Minnesota at L.A. Chargers. Prime Video
GOLF
5 a.m. Asia-Pacific Amateur Championship, First Round. ESPN2
7:30 a.m. DP World Tour, Genesis Championship, First Round. Golf (Taped)
5 p.m. PGA, Bank of Utah Championship, First Round. Golf
10 p.m. LPGA, Hanwha International, Second Round. Golf
HOCKEY
7 p.m. NHL, Detroit at N.Y. Islanders. FDSN
7 p.m. College, Western Michigan at Michigan. BTN
SOCCER
3 p.m. UEFA Europa, Porto vs. Nottingham Forest. CBSSN
OTHER
1 p.m. Horse Racing. FS2

FRIDAY

AUTO RACING
2 p.m. NASCAR Trucks, Martinsville, Practice. FS2
3 p.m. NASCAR Trucks, Martinsville, Qualifying. FS2
2:30 p.m. Formula 1, Mexican Grand Prix, Practice. ESPNU
6 p.m. Formula 1, Mexican Grand Prix, Practice. ESPN News
6 p.m. NASCAR Trucks, Martinsville. FS1
BASEBALL
8 p.m. MLB Playoffs, World Series, Seattle or Toronto at L.A. Dodgers. Fox
BASKETBALL
7:30 p.m. NBA, Boston at New York. Prime Video
8 p.m. NBA, Detroit at Houston. FDSN
10 p.m. NBA, Minnesota at L.A. Lakers. Prime Video
FOOTBALL
6 p.m. College, Columbia at Dartmouth. ESPNU
7 p.m. College, North Texas at Charlotte. ESPN2
7:30 p.m. College, California at Virginia Tech. ESPN
10 p.m. College, Boise State at Nevada. CBSSN
10:30 p.m. College, Montana at Sacramento State. ESPN2
GOLF
5 a.m. Asia-Pacific Amateur Championship, Second Round. ESPN2
7:30 a.m. DP World Tour, Genesis Championship, Second Round. Golf (Taped)
2 p.m. Champions, Simmons Bank Championship, First Round. Golf
5 p.m. PGA, Bank of Utah Championship, Second Round. Golf
10 p.m. LPGA, Hanwha International Crown, Third Round. Golf
HOCKEY
7 p.m. College, Michigan at Western Michigan. NCHC.tv
SOCCER
3 p.m. English Premier, West Ham United at Leeds. USA
8 p.m. Men's College, Indiana at Maryland. BTN
OTHER
4:30 a.m. Women's Australian Rules Football, Port Adelaide at Adelaide. FS2
1 p.m. Horse Racing. FS2
4 p.m. College Field Hockey, Michigan at Northwestern. BTN
4 p.m. Horse Racing. FS2
6 p.m. College Volleyball, Minnesota at Indiana. BTN
9 p.m. College Volleyball, Kansas City at Kansas State. ESPNU
10 p.m. College Volleyball, Wisconsin at Washington. BTN
Midnight Women's Australian Rules Football, Hawthorn at Essendon. FS2
2 a.m. Women's Australian Rules Football, Richmond at Fremantle. FS2

SATURDAY

AUTO RACING
1:30 p.m. Formula One, Mexican Grand Prix, Practice. ESPN News
4:30 p.m. NASCAR Cup, Martinsville, Practice. TruTV
5 p.m. Formula One, Mexican Grand Prix, Qualifying. ESPN News
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BASEBALL
8 p.m. MLB Playoffs, World Series, Seattle or Toronto at L.A. Dodgers. Fox
BASKETBALL
7 p.m. College, Exhibition, Michigan at St. John's. BTN+
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FOOTBALL
Noon College, Mississippi at Oklahoma. ABC
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Noon College, Appalachian State at Old Dominion. ESPNU
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10:15 p.m. College, Colorado at Utah. ESPN
11 p.m. College, Alabama State at Alabama A&M. ESPNU (Taped)
GOLF
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1:30 p.m. Champions, Simmons Bank Championship, Second Round. Golf
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7:30 a.m. English Championship, Watford at Coventry City. CBSSN
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10 a.m. Mixed Martial Arts, UFC 321 Preliminary Bouts. FX
Noon Horse Racing. FS2
Noon Mixed Martial Arts, UFC 321 Undercard Bouts. FX
3 p.m. Figure Skating, ISU Grand Prix, Cup of China. NBC
8:30 p.m. College Volleyball, TBD at Nebraska. BTN
10:30 p.m. College Volleyball, TBD at UCLA. BTN
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4 a.m. Women's Australian Rules Football, Melbourne vs. Brisbane. FS2

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AUGUSTA CHARTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

Notice is hereby given that the Public Accuracy Test for the November 4, 2025, Special Election has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 28, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. at the Augusta Township Hall, 8021 Talladay Road, Whittaker, Michigan 48190.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the program and computer that will be used to tabulate the results of the election, counts the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

Kimberly Gonczy
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STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY
Water Resources Division
Jackson District Office
P.O. Box 30458
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TAKE NOTICE that the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy, (EGLE) Water Resources Division (WRD) will hold an online public hearing on October 28, 2025.

The purpose of this hearing is to secure the views of interested persons concerning the following application for permit:

Application for 81-Arbor Preserve Development-Ann Arbor (submittal number HQA-A27Z-K6DZS)

Part 301, Inland Lakes and Streams; and Part 303, Wetlands Protection, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, by applicant name Toll Brothers. The applicant proposes 1.62 acres of wetland impacts that include the placement of fill, excavation of material, installation of two equalization culverts, installation of boardwalks, installation of stormwater outfall structures, and treated stormwater discharges. Proposed stream impacts include the installation of five stream enclosures (totaling 578 linear feet) and site grading. Proposed impacts also include the installation of two wastewater treatment outfalls in upland that will discharge treated wastewater to wetlands and streams. The project is located in T03S, R05E, Section 01, Lodi Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan.

How to attend the Online Meeting:

To attend the online public information meeting register at https://bit.ly/WRD102825 After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. If you do not have internet access and would like to join by PHONE ONLY please use the following phone number: 636-651-3142 and use conf code 374288. Pre-registration is not required to attend the meeting. Individuals interested in participating can click the link above at the start of the event (6:00 p.m.).

The application is available for review at the EGLE Website, MiEnviro: https://mienviro.michigan.gov/ncore/external/publicnotice/search. The public hearing record will remain open for ten days after the public hearing date. Any written comments should to be submitted for the public hearing record in.

To submit comments, access The Public Notice search in MiEnviro at: https://mienviro.michigan.gov/ncore/external/publicnotice/search. You do not need an account to add a comment to the Public Hearing comments. Use the search tool on the Public Hearing Search to find the public hearing announcement. It is most easily searched using the submission number. Once you find the submission using the search engine at the above link, you can review related documents to the application and click the "Add Comment" tab to enter your comment. You will have the option to either type your comment or upload it as an attachment.

The hearing will be held pursuant to Section 30110 of Part 301, Inland Lakes and Streams; and Section 30307 of Part 303, Wetlands Protection, of the NREPA. The hearing will not be a legal proceeding, witnesses will not be sworn, and there will be no cross examination. Public hearings are primarily informational and are held to encourage the expression of views and presentation of facts.

A copy of the decision on this application can be reviewed on MiEnviro, using MiEnviro Site Explorer, once a decision has been made.

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY
Water Resources Division
Date: September 30, 2025
NOTE: Individuals needing language assistance or accommodations for effective participation at the hearing should contact Joel Roseberry, RoseberryJ@Michigan.gov, by October 14 to request language, mobility, visual, hearing, translation, and/or other assistance.

SALINE AREA SCHOOLS ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

The Board of Education of Saline Area Schools will receive sealed Proposals for:

SALINE ARE SCHOOLS FILTER FIRST FIXTURE REPLACEMENT

A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at 1:30 PM Local Time at Saline Area Schools Operations Center 1255 Tefft Court, Saline, MI 48176. If a bidder would like to visit the building at any other time, please contact Mark Paulus via email at lecoleplanners3@gmail.com or phone at (248) 880-6791. Bid documents are available online by going to the District's web site, www.salineschools.org and clicking on Departments / Central Office / Finance Department / Bids and Proposal/Bids and Proposals. Bid documents will be placed on Buildingconnected.com with the following link: https://app.buildingconnected.com/public/5cc9d7f637c1a90018cb55dc. Bidders are encouraged to visit the site. The following link is for instructions for Buildingconnected.com: https://buildingconnected.zendesk.com/hc/enus/categories/360001889773-Getting-started-for-subcontractors

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Each Proposal must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the contractor and any member of the Board of Education or the Superintendent of Saline Area Schools. The Board of Education will not accept a Proposal that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.

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Saline Area Schools' Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any and all Proposals, either in whole or in part, to waive any informalities or irregularities therein, or to award the contract to other than the contractor(s) submitting the best financial Proposal (low bidder), in its sole and absolute discretion.

Additional bid information can be found at www.salineschools.org

SALINE AREA SCHOOLS

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For more information, please logon to our website at https://www.washtenaw.org/684/Bid-Quote-Information and click on "open bids" or call (734) 222-6760.

Washtenaw County Purchasing Division is issuing a Request for Proposal on behalf of PARKS & RECREATION. RFP # 8852 - CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK - EASTERN WASHTENAW COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER (EWCRC) Due: Thursday, November 13, 2025 @ 2:00PM EST. THERE IS AN OPTIONAL PRE-BID MEETING SCHEDULED ON 10/27/2025 AT 2:00PM Meeting Information: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9180491239?omn=84419392230#success Meeting ID: 918 049 1239.

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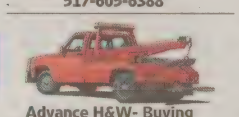

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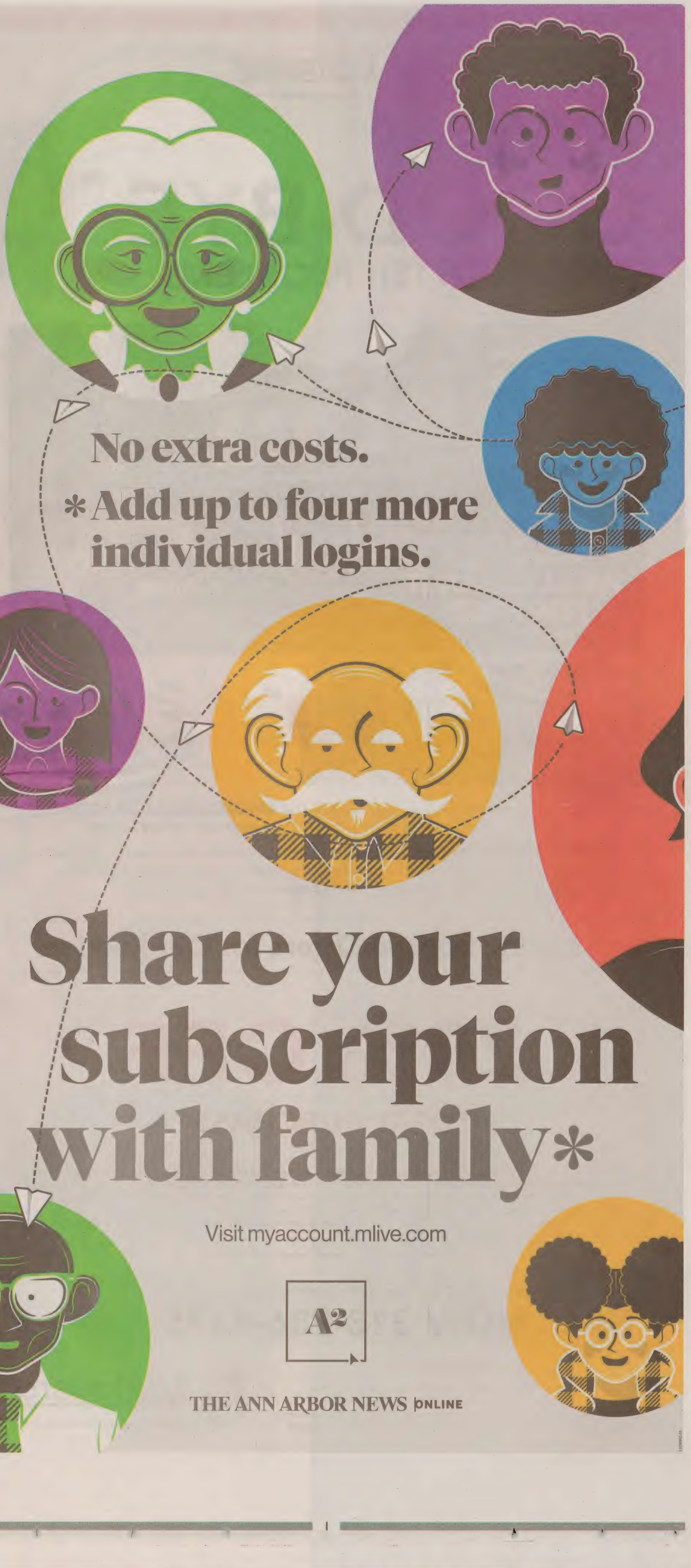

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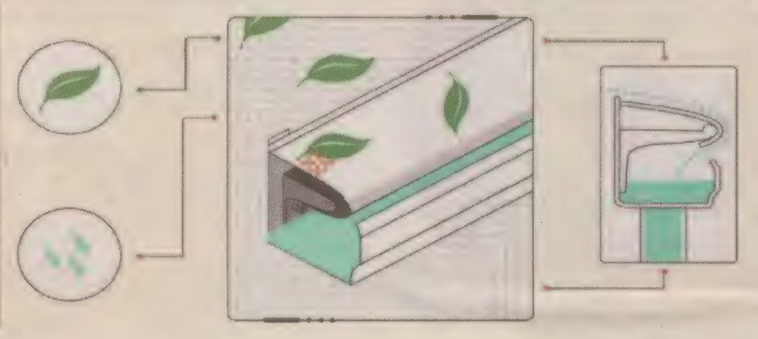

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OPINION

I resigned from the military because of Trump

U.S. Marines take the oath of reenlistment at an NFL game in Chicago in 2022. Doug Krugman, a recently retired Marine Corps colonel, writes that those in the military should be confident in questioning possibly immoral or illegal orders, remembering they are responsible for their own actions, and knowing others are asking the same questions.. *AP file*

I could not swear to follow a commander in chief who seems so willing to disregard the Constitution.

Doug Krugman *For The Washington Post*

On Sept. 30, at an unprecedented gathering of senior military leadership, President Donald Trump said, "If you don't like what I'm saying, you can leave the room — of course, there goes your rank, there goes your future."

I wasn't invited to be in the room that day, and I had decided months earlier that I had to leave. By coincidence, Sept. 30 was my last day as a colonel in the United States Marine Corps. I gave up my career out of concern for our country's future.

United States military officers take an oath to defend the Constitution without mental reservation or purpose of evasion.

I swore or repeated that oath under five presidents, starting with former president Bill Clinton. I risked my life for it, serving as an infantry officer in two wars. I watched Marines die for it.

No commander in chief is perfect. President Clinton's moral failures are well known. President George W. Bush's invasion of Iraq might be one of the worst errors in U.S. history. All recent presidents share responsibility for our failure in Afghanistan. I continued to serve despite all that because I believed the Constitution brought the country more success than failure, and I believed our presidents took their oaths to it seriously.

MORALLY WRONG DIRECTION

With President Trump, I no longer believe that. During his first term, his actions became increasingly difficult for me to justify, culminating with the Jan. 6 attack on Congress as it tried to execute its duties. I hoped he had learned from those errors, but it only took a few days of his second term for me to realize he had not.

I could not swear without reservation to follow a commander in chief who seemed so willing to disregard the Constitution.

My departure was not about policy disagreements, which exist in every administration. President Trump won in 2024 and has the right to implement his policies within the law.

My first reservations were about promises and actions that I thought were morally wrong even if they were possibly legal.

The Constitution gives the president the power to pardon, but pardoning roughly 1,600 of those who tried to violently overthrow the results of an election didn't help defend the Constitution.

Likewise, I didn't see it as moral to deny refuge to Afghans who risked their lives to support us, which he did on Jan. 22.

Ignoring reality to take advantage of vague laws to assume emergency powers is also immoral.

For those who believe in honoring their word, breaking promises our country has made — including some trade agreements President Trump made himself — is not moral. These are not the kinds of actions that I'm willing to risk my life to defend.

Worse than immorality, however, has been President Trump's willingness to disregard the law and Constitution to achieve his goals. When asked in May about the Fifth Amendment requirements for due process and if he needed to uphold the Constitution as president, the first words out of his mouth were, "I don't know."

This president acts as though one election makes 237 years of constitutional order irrelevant. Instead of trying to work within the Constitution, or to amend it, President Trump is testing how far he can ignore it.

LITTLE CONNECTION TO REALITY

This month, National Guard officers received orders from the defense secretary that their governors opposed. A federal judge intervened, citing the lack of apparent emergency and the 10th Amendment. Those commanders and units were stuck between competing orders with no clear answer.

When the president's orders push or cross legal limits and put commanders in these situations, cohesion within our military is at risk.

President Trump's description of Portland as a "war zone" is as fantastical as his belief that the June protests in a few blocks of Los Angeles would somehow "obliterate" the city of nearly 4 million. In both cases, his words had little connection to reality. Every dubious basis he gives for an order creates more room for doubt, more room for reservations and more threats to our unity.

The president said to military leadership on Sept. 30 of fighting domestic enemies: "And this is going to be a major part for some of the people in this room. That's a war too. It's a war from within." It wasn't clear if he was referring to actual crime or to political criticism of him. In either case, military force is not the answer.

NO REGRETS

Some of his voters likely dismiss President Trump's seeming disregard for the Constitution — such as him saying that criticizing the president should be illegal, despite the First Amendment — as him exaggerating.

Others apparently don't care, believing that achieving their ends justifies any means. This president acts as though one election makes 237 years of constitutional order irrelevant. Instead of trying to work within the Constitution, or to amend it, President Trump is testing how far he can ignore it.

If voters and legislators cannot close the gaps in our laws to clarify the limits to presidential power, those who serve our government will continue to struggle. The next president — of either party — may continue us down this path toward collapse.

I do not claim to speak for any other person or institution. I respect those who still serve, many of whom have service contracts and can't simply retire like I did. But if they have doubts about their orders, they are not alone. They should be confident in questioning possibly immoral or illegal orders, remembering they are responsible for their own actions, and knowing others are asking the same questions.

I voluntarily gave up my rank as the president suggested, but the future of our country is more important than any individual's career, wealth or power. I have no regrets about my decision. I have given up the service I loved for the freedom to do the right thing, the freedom to speak my mind and the freedom to speak in defense of our country.

Krugman served for 24 years in the United States Marine Corps.

COMMENTARY

Sunday morning football can wait. Black boys belong in church first.

Sports can inspire and unite, but games should come after spiritual grounding on Sundays.

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CLEVELAND — Driving past Bump Taylor Field, an artificial-turfed stadium, I spotted cars parked on real grass outside the fence, on streets adjacent to it and in nearby asphalt lots. I watched scores and scores of Black boys, their families and friends head inside the gates.

It was 10:45 a.m. on a Sunday; the games had begun, and both grandstands were filling with onlookers. I never doubted players welcomed the support.

I'm glad these Black boys had something positive to do. Sports can serve as a foundation for teaching life lessons. But so can church. The church can teach lessons athletics can't, which include spiritual enlightenment.

Black boys need the latter.

I suspect people inside Bump Taylor root for the right reasons. While they applaud a Black boy's brilliance on the field, they should insist on his same excellence in the classroom and steer these boys onward into principled and spiritual men.

Aren't Black boys being failed on that front? Might that explain why they're also failing in other aspects of life?

Critics might argue I'm using a broad brush in painting this portrait of Black boys. I can accept such criticism. For unlike most in this East Side neighborhood, I've had a bird's eye view, and I've been able to watch and point out this drive to achieve the wrong ends.

Few Black boys on Bump Taylor will go to the NFL; nearly all will go into the workplace. The sad fact is that too many are also going to state prisons or to early graves at the wrong end of a bullet.

I take an uncompromising view about where Black boys should go. We push them hard to excel in athletics, hopeful they'll rise above their surroundings and find wealth in professional sports. Is it possible we're putting pipe dreams in their minds?

Football is a wonderful distraction, but we should focus harder on textbooks and less on TDs.

I mind Black boys playing sports on Sunday mornings. I'd prefer they waited to kick off until after church services, which is what Black boys did decades ago.

Through most of last century, Black boys and their families didn't skip Sunday services. They packed pews in Baptist churches and sang and shouted about God and faith.

Black boys stood on a solid spiritual foundation. Black families did as well. They celebrated tackles and the "Ten Commandments." Both held their place in life — at least on Sundays if not the rest of the week.

I've wondered aloud whether we should return to those Sunday mornings of sermons, and I've concluded we should. So, I'm encouraging families and friends to push Black boys back toward God. He's blessed them with the athleticism to play a sport, but He's insisted those Black boys show a dedication to Him.

Start games at 1:30 p.m., and Black boys at Bump Taylor would have time for worship and for football. God will reward them for putting Him first, for making space in their lives for Him. God must never be an afterthought.

For if Black boys cash in on their athletic gifts, it'll be because of God, not just because of the coaching they receive on Sunday mornings when they should be sitting in church pews.

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OPINION

The Chinese robots are coming

A technician assists a robot that fell during a soccer match at the World Humanoid Robot Games in Beijing on Aug. 15. *Mahesh Kumar, AP*

China is running miles ahead in the race to dominate a technology that could define the 21st century.

Selina Xu and Helen Zhang
For The Washington Post

Robot dogs. Humanoid helpers. Entirely automated dark factories without human workers. These might seem straight out of a sci-fi novel, but they are arriving full force in China as we speak. After years of patient investment, China is on the cusp of a robotics revolution.

If embodied intelligence — think AI-powered robots that can navigate the real world — is the next frontier of AI, then China appears poised to dominate. Though the United States still has distinct advantages in software, advanced AI chips and foundational research, China leads in robot hardware, deployment and policy support.

Last year, China installed nearly 300,000 robots in its factories, more than the rest of the world combined, according to a September report by the International Federation of Robotics. More than half were made domestically. The United States installed only 34,000 robots, with most of these imported from Japan and Europe.

A rising new era of Chinese technological supremacy has been proclaimed repeatedly over the past two decades, but we had never felt it more acutely than on our trip this summer to China. There, we took the high-speed train from Shanghai to Hangzhou — a city that has emerged as a global powerhouse for AI and robotics (in large part thanks to DeepSeek). Speaking to founders and engineers from Hangzhou's "Six Little Dragons" — an online moniker for the city's best-known tech start-ups — we could feel the ground beneath our feet shifting.

FULL-SPEED AHEAD

Part of the reason is sheer manufacturing prowess. From actuators to sensors to batteries, China has built a comprehensive supply chain that allows start-ups to rapidly fine-tune robot prototypes until a viable, affordable and scalable product emerges. Most of the companies we visited build their robots close to their research labs, creating fast feedback loops.

Companies are also prioritizing vertical integration, with many producing key components in-house and procuring base materials domestically. Entry prices for humanoid robots are dropping drastically. In July, Unitree released its R1 bot for under $6,000, about a third of the price of its G1 robot from a year earlier.

The world's second-largest economy is eager to deploy this technology. With an aging population, China hopes to address its labor shortage with AI and robotics. Most of the start-ups we learned about were already deploying their robots on factory floors, spurring data collection that's necessary to train the robots' brains.

Public enthusiasm is growing, too, in part driven by policymakers' support and high-profile showcases of the technology. At the glitzy World Artificial Intelligence Conference in Shanghai this summer, the exhibition halls were filled with humanoid boxers fighting in the ring, quadruped dogs on their hind legs and robots serving popcorn. A few weeks later, Beijing hosted the first World Humanoid Robot Games, where droids raced, danced, played soccer and navigated obstacle courses.

Chinese robot companies are running at full speed. Founders we spoke to talked about going from double-digit unit counts to tens of thousands within months. China is full of hubs — from Shenzhen to Hangzhou — that are "communities of engineering practice" where entrepreneurs, investors and engineers can mingle with the world's most experienced manufacturing workforce to innovate quickly. As China analyst Dan Wang writes in his recent book, "Breakneck," "In China ... tech innovation emerges from the factory floor, when a new product is scaled up into mass production."

648 MILLION HUMANLIKE BOTS

Expect these innovations to charge abroad. Almost every founder we met wanted to expand overseas, including into the United States. Part of the reason is brutal price wars at home, with razor-thin profit margins amid competition against a glut of other companies (what some dub neijuan, or "involution"). Despite these headwinds, the founders' zeal was notable — they sincerely believed that "Made in China" was the sign of world-class quality, especially in high-end manufacturing.

Born in the 1990s, this new generation of entrepreneurs and engineers appears to be starkly different from the more Westernized previous generation. While China's older tech pioneers tend to idolize Silicon Valley, younger founders find their role models in people such as DeepSeek's Liang Wenfeng and Unitree's Wang Xingxing — both of whom studied exclusively at Chinese universities and are known to predominantly hire domestic talent.

Citi GPS projected that the world would be populated by 648 million humanlike bots by 2050, unlocking an enduring production advantage and immense economic potential as robots manufacture more robots — better, cheaper, faster.

DOUBLE DOWN NOW OR LOSE

Much ink has been spilled about how the U.S. can reindustrialize. When it comes to robotics, the U.S. needs to invest in infrastructure to power the industries of the future — from building a better electrical grid to joint ventures with allies that can onshore manufacturing expertise for critical robotics components.

America also needs to double down on its strengths in ways that could prove difficult in this turbulent political moment: university-driven fundamental research, immigration policies that welcome the best talent from abroad, and a vibrant entrepreneurship ecosystem that's not mired in regulatory hurdles.

The robot race isn't over. But unless the United States ups its game, it seems clear that this is a race China will dominate.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

These stories spurred change. You help make the next ones possible.

Subscribing to MLive doesn't just give you access to great journalism, you're helping to improve our communities.

John Hiner *jhiner@mlive.com*

A lot can happen in three months. At MLive, our journalists will publish more than 10,000 stories in that time.

Many fall into the "breaking news" category:

- The state teetering on a budget shutdown before lawmakers and the governor strike a deal.
- A horrific mass shooting and fire at a Grand Blanc church.
- A baseball team flirting with greatness, collapsing, then staging a brief revival.

That's traditional news — current events you didn't know about but needed to.

But there's another kind of reporting we pursue with purpose — journalism that exposes problems, finds solutions, and makes life better in Michigan communities.

I'm proud to share examples of that work from July through September. It spans our entire operation — reporters, editors, multimedia specialists, social producers, and video teams.

This is journalism built on our mission: to question, dig, and spotlight issues in ways that lead to change.

A MORE FUNCTIONAL FLINT

Flint's city government has been dysfunctional for decades. This year, the crisis boiled over.

After 131 rounds of voting, the City Council failed to fill a vacant seat, a deadlock so severe it paralyzed decision-making and eroded public trust. Meetings devolved into shouting matches, profanity, and obscene gestures.

MLive's Ron Fonger chronicled the chaos daily. Then, investigative reporter Gus Burns and community reporter Fuad Shalhout dug deeper, interviewing council members, city leaders, and residents to uncover root causes and explore solutions, from mediation to state intervention.

Our reporting amplified residents' voices demanding better. Months later, a special election filled the vacant seat. Tensions remain, but meetings are more functional and city business is moving forward.

GARBAGE FINES

Trash seems mundane — at least until Bay City residents started getting $500 fines for leaving carts at the curb.

Reporter Joey Oliver didn't just report on the complaints; he investigated.

His records requests revealed the city issued more fines in one day than in the previous three years combined.

The coverage sparked immediate action. Officials waived the fines and pledged to amend the ordinance.

Oliver's persistence turned frustration into reform — proof of watchdog journalism at work.

STOPPING UNFAIR STOPS

Ann Arbor passed rules to reduce traffic stops of minority drivers, a step toward equity. But when reporters Jordyn Pair and Ryan Stanton checked the data, what they found was startling — stops of Black drivers actually increased.

Police exploited a loophole allowing multiple equipment violations per stop.

The policy changed, but policing hadn't.

After MLive's reporting, the loophole was closed. Early data shows just 10 equipment stops since, and only three involving Black drivers.

FUNNELING OUR MONEY

Michigan's wealthiest families are transforming Detroit and Grand Rapids with massive developments. But taxpayers are footing part of the bill.

Reporter Rose White investigated the state's Transformational Brownfield Program, a tax incentive meant to spur redevelopment. She found it funnels public money into projects led by billionaires.

In Grand Rapids, the DeVos family is reshaping the riverfront. In Detroit, Dan Gilbert's Hudson's building nears completion, backed by incentives Gilbert helped create.

Critics call it public money for private gain. Supporters say these projects wouldn't happen otherwise. Lawmakers are now debating whether to expand the program even further.

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These stories are examples of MLive's commitment to go beyond day-to-day breaking news. We pursue them all year long, and it does not happen by accident. It takes time, skill, and resources — and it exists because readers like you support it.

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John Hiner is president of MLive Media Group. If you have questions you'd like him to answer, or topics to explore for a future column, share your thoughts at editor@mlive.com.

ADVICE

ASKING ERIC

Coworkers called stingy for not contributing to fund

Dear Eric: Should I tell a coworker that many of her workmates are criticizing her as selfish and self-centered? She got married a year ago but didn't go on a honeymoon then because the couple, who are both in their 40s, had just returned from two weeks in Europe.

Now they've decided they want a "dream honeymoon" at a luxury resort. To pay for it they've created an account on a crowd-funding honeymoon website and are letting everyone know they'd like it if we'd all chip in. The items she wants include airfare, a rental car, side trips, resort fees and cash starting at $75.

I gave her a nice wedding gift a year ago, as did many of our coworkers. We're modestly paid teachers and a trip to South America is well beyond our budgets.

She's let it be known that she's disappointed that we're "stingy" and thus she's nowhere near her goal.

Behind her back, people are criticizing her as being clueless and bad-mannered, both for asking us to pay for her delayed honeymoon and then criticizing us for not being more generous.

I don't want to say anything to her (or give her money). But I fear that if I don't tell her no one will, and she'll have no idea why she's at risk of losing friends.

Would it be a kindness to say something? And if so, what should I say? Or should I take the easy route and keep quiet? *Fellow Teacher*

Dear Teacher: My goodness, was there a sale at the audacity store? I wonder where some people get it. It's perfectly fine to make it easy for people to give gifts and show their love, but it's inappropriate, and rude, to criticize people for not ponying up the dough, especially when a gift has already been given. Wedding fundraising pages are not invoices that require payment under threat of credit ruination.

Sheesh.

While it would be kind to tell her that others are chafing at her request, I can't help but wonder how useful it would be, considering that neither insight nor common sense were listed on her registry. Instead of taking on the burden of communicating the group's negative feelings, consider just talking to her about how you're feeling. If you decide that this is a relationship you want to salvage, tell her that you're happy for her, but it rubs you the wrong way to be called stingy for not giving her a second gift. As a friend, hopefully she can listen and adjust her attitude.

Dear Readers: On Sept. 10, "Loner But Not Alone" asked for advice about making connections. She was a retired self-described loner who realized that most of her social connections had been through work. Many of you replied with fantastic, creative suggestions that would surely be of use to anyone, of any age, seeking community. I've attached a few below.

- "Look at the list of charities to which you already contribute. Some of them may offer volunteer activities where you will find people who share your interests. Working with fellow volunteers has started many new friendships (in the 40 to 90 age range) and has taken me in unexpected directions, e.g. who knew tending animal rescues could lead to a fellow reader of British mysteries?"
- "There is an incredible network of women's clubs in America devoted to community service that began at the end of the 19th century. Even small communities like mine (320 population), have a thriving, very active club. The national organization, located in Washington, D.C., is called the General Federation of Women's Clubs (gfwc.org)."
- "I have been involved with local theater for decades, and I can say that you can meet several people from various age groups and gain friendships that endure for years. Beyond acting, there is a tremendous amount of backstage work that needs volunteers, from costuming to prop collecting to set construction to program design."
- "Go where the music is playing, attend the county events in the parks, attend festivals that are happening and attend some sporting events at restaurants, sports bars and arenas."
- "Lifelong Learners Organizations exist in 124 locations, attached to colleges and universities and are called OSHER Lifelong Learning Institutes."
- "Find out if your local library has a Friends of the Library group or start one if they don't. Many libraries also have Maker Spaces and classes."
- "I posted a note on our Nextdoor website to see if there were other women over 60 who might want to get together occasionally for lunch, etc. I had 56 positive replies! We met in two groups at a restaurant and the group soon evolved to include a weekly breakfast and a weekly happy hour at local restaurants."
- "Picking up trash seems disgusting but a great way to meet neighbors."

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CAROLYN HAX

Can new engagement work after breaking the first one?

Hi, Carolyn: I recently ended my relationship with my fiancé due to issues between him and his mother. To put it briefly, she is a very difficult person who is unhealthily attached to her son. He felt responsible for her happiness, and I often did not feel prioritized, which caused tension between us.

He hid our engagement for months because he did not want to witness how unhappy she would be. It really soured things and devastated both of us during a time that should have felt special. We had no celebrations, and, honestly, it felt like we were in mourning.

I pleaded with him to tell her. All he did was bury his head in the sand while I hid our engagement from my friends and others I cared about. We both became physically unwell due to stress. I took us to couples therapy, and when I saw absolutely no progress, I ended the relationship.

Since then, he has told his mother we were engaged, has taken himself to therapy and is trying to win me back.

I wish we could try again, but I just don't know if I will be able to get over this horrible memory of our engagement. I feel anxious and awkward even thinking about it. Although I still love him, I just ask myself, "What's the point?" I don't know if I would even want to be engaged to him again. I feel as though it's been irrevocably ruined.

But then when I see him, I remember how much I care about him and all my anger fades.

When our therapist asked what I would need, I genuinely couldn't articulate it. I just wish there was a way for it to feel special again. Is there anything that can be done to essentially rewrite miserable and ruined memories of a time that should have been happy? *Tarnished Moment*

Tarnished Moment: Briefly, no.

Happened can't unhappen.

But I can rewrite your question: Is it really so important that a "moment" not be "tarnished" that it's worth discarding a lifetime partnership for it?

That is the scope of what you're considering, after all.

It's one thing not to love him anymore, or to trust his new courage with his mother to be sustainable. Huge, valid points for rethinking.

Yet you cite only the pain of the memory as grounds to walk away. Your messy, aborted first launch attempt did sound awful, yes, I'm sorry. But you're poised now to "ruin" the whole relationship just for that, just as the engineers seem to have fixed it.

That sounds like an overinvestment in the ooh-ah moment without any regard for the intended mission.

Isn't the real question, always, what to do with the whole life ahead of you, not with the life behind?

I do get it, though — one perseverator to another. Looking back can be reflexive and paralyzing.

So, two suggestions for that. First: Ask your therapist specifically about trauma care, like EMDR. If you're anxious from the memory, literally, then address the memory.

Second is to look at the gruesome months of the concealed engagement from an angle that, counterintuitively, makes you *grateful* they happened.

Your obvious choice: They're the disaster your ex-fiancé needed to wake him up to his Mother Issues. Call it the launch attempt necessary to reveal the seriousness of his emotional design flaws.

Or wait — it was the rock bottom he needed to hit before admitting his codependency. The labor pains for his rebirth as his own person! Apparently without epidural. (Getting carried away is how you reward yourself for your effort.)

Or, maybe the wake-up to be grateful for was your own? And these months were ... the only lights unforgiving enough to expose the love triangle with Mother. Gah. Just *imagine* if you had married.

It's way too soon, I know, and no reframe can make our pain pretty — but someday you may have a nightmare-engagement-anniversary party — a secret self-toast. Those months forced you to rescue yourself from a triangulated half-marriage and barely getting by.

Now? You're free. Here's to constructive suffering [clink].

I hope he's genuinely freed himself, too, and this wasn't just as a gambit to "win" you back. Whether you commit to finding that out — now, or after you've had more time to heal, or ever — is entirely up to you.

Email Carolyn at tellme@washpost.com

DEAR ANNIE

Letting go of one-sided friendships

Dear Annie: I am writing about a friendship that has left me hurt and confused. My husband and I have known this couple for many years. He has been our friend for decades, and when he remarried, we welcomed his new wife with open arms. She and I became close quickly; we shopped together, met for coffee and had long phone conversations.

But over time, she grew distant. Calls became shorter, texts turned into nothing but emojis and her warmth seemed to fade. When we moved to Florida, instead of being happy for us, she gave me the silent treatment. Later, when we invited them to visit, things felt fine, but as soon as they left, she pulled away again.

The final straw came when they offered to watch our house while we were away for a month. They never came by once. Our plants died, the thermostat broke, and all I received was a brief "sorry" and a heart emoji. It hurt, especially because we have always been generous with them, even giving away furniture when they needed it.

Since then, she has admitted she is a "bad texter," but nothing has changed. I have tried to keep the friendship alive, but I feel like I am chasing someone who no longer values me. She dismisses my feelings as if I am holding a grudge over one incident, when in reality, this distance has been building for years.

Am I wrong to feel so hurt? Should I confront her, write a letter or simply let this friendship go? I miss the person I thought she was, but I do not recognize her anymore. *Confused Friend*

Dear Confused: You have given this friendship time, energy and generosity. What you have received back is distance and half-hearted replies. It hurts, but it also tells you all you need to know.

Friendship has to go both ways. You cannot keep it alive alone, no matter how much history you share. She has shown you where she stands. The kindest thing you can do for yourself now is to stop chasing and focus on people who value your effort.

Sometimes closure comes not from a letter but from accepting what is. And as Ann Landers would say, it feels wonderful when you stop banging your head against the wall.

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THE ACES ON BRIDGE
BARRY RIGAL

Dear Mr. Rigal: What is the best way to show 5-5 in the majors over partner's one-no-trump opening? *Major Malfunction, Dover, Del.*

ANSWER: With a weak hand, I would start with Stayman, intending to pass if partner bids a major. If he does not, I will bid two hearts, weak. If I have enough for game or more, I start with two hearts, a transfer, and follow up with three hearts. As usual, you start by showing the higher-ranking of two five-card suits first. Note that you would start with Stayman with a game-forcing 5-4 in the majors (assuming you have Smolen in your armory). With an invitational hand and no conventional methods, I would bid Stayman and raise a major-suit response to game (knowing of a nine-card fit and shape). I would settle for two hearts over two diamonds as before. So I might be tempted to show a 5-5 with 8 points as a game-force, to ensure we reach game when we have 25-high.

Dear Mr. Rigal: What is the best way of playing a suit of ace-fourth opposite jack-nine-fourth if I need three tricks? *Straightforward, Tucson, Ariz.*

ANSWER: You could lead low from the ace, intending to continue with the jack if the next hand goes in with an honor, but you only pick up king-10 or queen-10 doubleton that way (plus king-queen doubleton over the jack). That is three holdings. The alternative of cashing the ace first is better. That allows for a singleton honor over the jack, as well as king-queen doubleton in either hand -- four cases. You would need both the eight and seven to make the intra-finesse approach technically superior. That approach allows you to pick off 10-x over the ace by starting with one to the nine.

Dear Mr. Rigal: Say you open one club, your left-hand opponent overcalls one spade and partner bids one no-trump. Does that 100% deny four hearts? *Negative Inference, Panama City, Fla.*

ANSWER: Typically, yes. Partner can double with hearts, thus finding an eight-card fit whenever possible. If opener has a balanced hand with fewer than four hearts, he can still bid one no-trump (even without a stopper). However, if responder's hearts are poor and his spade holding strong, he might decide to mastermind with one no-trump in an effort to reach the right part-score.

Dear Mr. Rigal: I was dealt a 0=0=7=6 hand in a tournament a while back. Is there a recommended way to handle such freakish distribution? *Wildman, Sunbury, Pa.*

ANSWER: Wild hands like these come up once in a blue moon, so I would not worry too much about how to bid them. With so much shape, my only advice would be to bid, and bid some more!

Dear Mr. Rigal: What is this hand worth when partner opens a 15-17 one no-trump: SPADES A-J-10-5, HEARTS K-4, DIAMONDS 10-4-2, CLUBS 6-4-3-2? *Bright Side, Charleston, S.C.*

ANSWER: If we have a spade fit, this hand goes up in value, so I would hazard a Stayman bid, intending to raise two spades to three and bid two no-trump over anything else. If I knew in advance that partner did not have spades, I would pass if non-vulnerable (but I would act if vulnerable, all the same). Without the spade 10, I might pass.

Yes, Mom would laugh at the comic strip. Send it to her.

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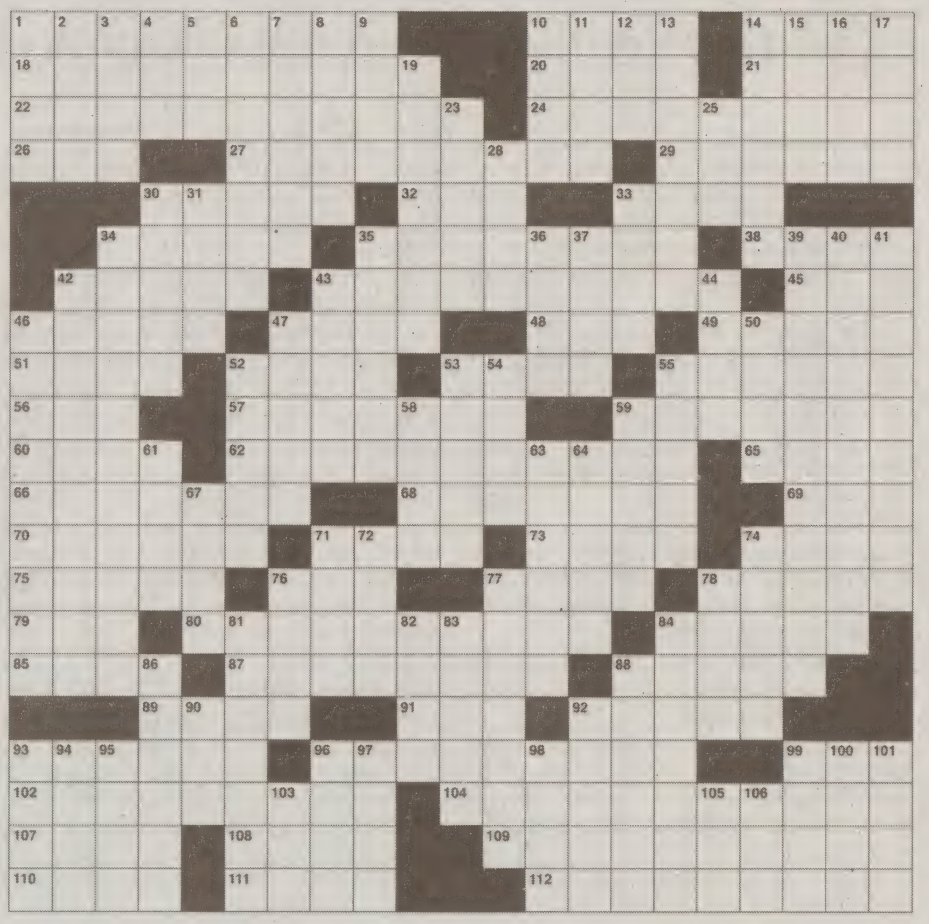

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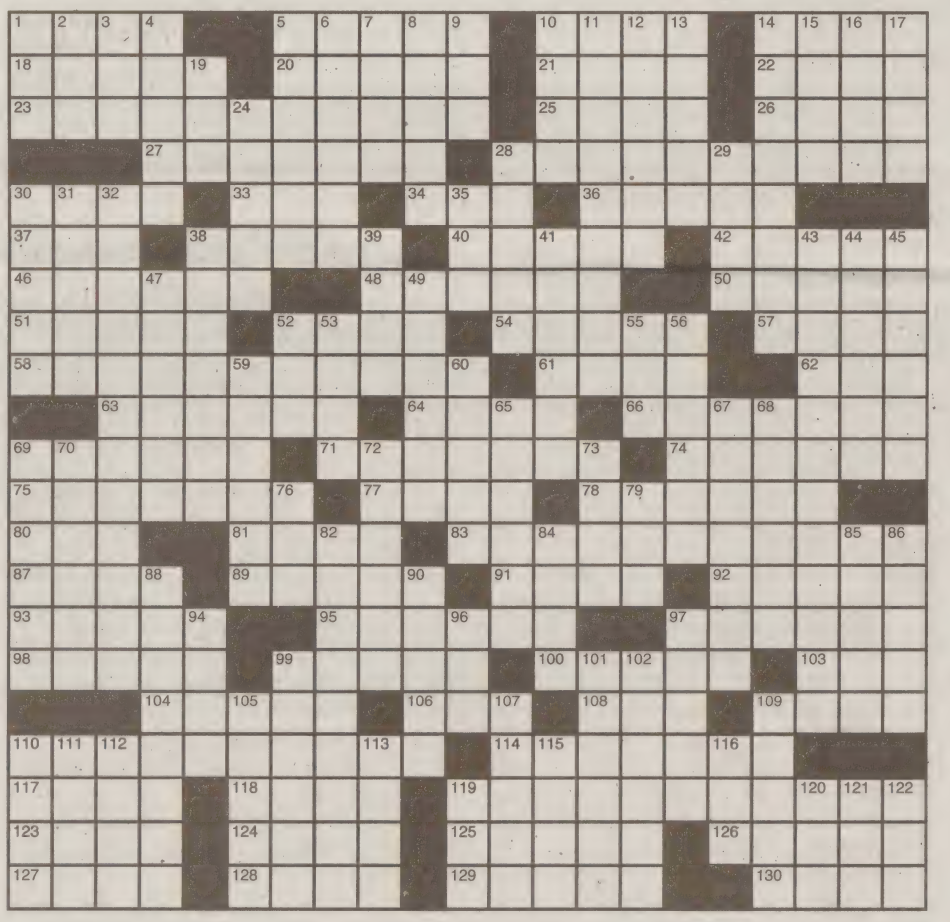
92 Extra
93 Macbeth or Macduff
94 Bygone iPhone button
95 Common 110-Across stressor
96 Move around and around
97 Rapper with a feline-sounding name
98 Chest muscles, for short
99 Knit
100 "This round's ____"
101 Effortless ways to advance
103 Vex
105 Close of business?
106 66, for example: Abbr.

LOS ANGELES TIMES SUNDAY CROSSWORD

"Easy Does It" By Zhouqin Burnikel



Across

1 Layer outside the germ
5 Like a perennial
10 LAPD alerts
14 No. 1 pals
18 Sacred flower in Buddhism
20 In the know
21 Helpful hint
22 Ontario lake
23 *Ensemble for finals week?
25 Purple boba tea flavor
26 Roof overhang
27 Hit lists
28 *Slug made from an old can?
30 Playing surface that favors topspin
33 Video camera button
34 Bro or stepbro
36 Total score
37 "Mulan" invader
38 Maker of off-road vehicles
40 Guitar licks
42 Runner-up
46 Visiting the area
48 Mall pizza chain
50 Striped stone
51 Egyptair hub city
52 David of "ABC World News Tonight"
54 LED component
57 Focalin target, briefly
58 *Christmas tree in an atelier?
61 Greeting to a mate
62 Genetic material
63 Application in some massages
64 Creole chef Chase
66 Holds nothing back
69 Course track for a future JD
71 Falcons city
74 Marathon setting
75 Person who calls the shots
77 Quindim ingredient
78 Kale and cabbage
80 Traditional mo. for a Bavarian beer festival
81 Sultry growl
83 *Courses full of twists and turns?
87 Make airtight
89 Strip in the kitchen
91 Parks of Alabama
92 Crocheted mat
93 "Snowfall" actor Damson __
95 Like most awards
97 Mount __: Washington estate
98 Arizona State's city
99 Some choral singers
100 Harsh
103 Classic muscle car
104 Doll with neon hair
106 Dorm VIPs
108 Hack (off)
109 Secondhand
110 *Organizer for a nail tech?
114 Tofu nutrient
117 50-50
118 Persian greeting?
119 *Treadmill setting for a Roman emperor?
123 Religious subgroup
124 Bend at a barre
125 Minor key?
126 Underground worker
127 Inquires
128 Straight people, casually
129 Love, in arias
130 Mardi Gras city nickname, and an apt description of the answers to the starred clues

Down

1 Club alternative
2 Eggs in ikura sushi
3 Tags on social media
4 Like some brownies
5 Light a fire under
6 "Doggone it!"
7 Desert rarity
8 Smeltery waste
9 Currency at pachinko parlors
10 Start of a show
11 Nursery nutrients
12 Head-to-toe garments
13 Han River capital
14 Poses done in a taproom
15 Campus group
16 __-second rule
17 Oracle
19 OAK alternative
24 Cook wear?
28 Classic Ford
29 Ristorante menu preposition
30 Spanish girl
31 Like some eclipses
32 *Pride of a jacked security guard?
35 Fund that might grow for decades
38 Like some rear admirals
39 "Yeah, right!"
41 Heebie-jeebies
43 *Thanksgiving stuffing dishes that aren't up to snuff?
44 Sharing a cultural identity
45 Orangutan
47 Warbler lookalike
49 Scouring brand
52 Wii Sports avatar
53 Golden State sch.
55 Lentil dish
56 Product that may reduce dark circles
59 Castle structures
60 Domain
65 Capital city in Anatolia
67 Like new tires
68 Motion detector, e.g.
69 Toast at a Bavarian beer festival
70 Go back
72 Ruthless ruler
73 Forever and a day
76 Put away
79 TV pioneer
82 "Happens to everyone"
84 French novelist Émile
85 Cotija-covered corn
86 Council of clerics
88 Some light cosmetics
90 Bouillon brand
94 Feudal laborer
96 Miss. home
97 Deadly snake
99 Gene arising from mutation
101 End-of-game pitcher
102 Revolve
105 Extra pep
107 Twitch
109 Let fall, as hair
110 Steep-sided plateau
111 Urban rtes.
112 Giraffe feature
113 Fleecy mamas
115 Move quickly?
116 Magnet end?
119 "Spy Game" org.
120 "So I should take that as __?"
121 Cartoon frame
122 Dynastic period, e.g.

ANSWERS

Scrabblegrams

PAR SCORE 275-285

RACK 1 = 64	M3	I1	I1	S1	P3	L1	A1	Y4	
RACK 2 = 72	S1	I1	C3	K5	I1	S1	H4		
RACK 3 = 59	C3	O1	R1	O1	N1	A1	L1		
RACK 4 = 84	B3	U1	M3	P3	K5	I1	N1		
RACK 5 = 68	P3	A1	T1	H4	W4	A1	Y4		
TOTAL 347									

Jumble

CLINIC BITTER SCARCE
HIGHER ABACUS CICADA

When the foul ball went into the stands, it was —

CATCH AS CATCH CAN

Quote Acrostic

A. Remote
B. Thankful
C. Karat
D. Ingrown
E. Yummier
F. Ottawa
G. Stewed
H. Awkward
I. Kinsman
J. Immune
K. Reawaken
L. Inhale
M. Coffee
N. Housefly
O. Delight
P. Avenge
Q. Delilah
R. Preview
S. One-shot
T. Obsess
U. Railway
V. Dweller
W. Absent
X. Donkey

QUOTE-ACROSTIC answer: R(obert) T KIYOSAKI: RICH DAD, POOR DAD: In school we learn that mistakes are bad. We are punished for making them. Yet, if you look at the way humans are designed to learn, we learn by making mistakes. If we never fall down, we would never walk.

Mepham Sudoku

7	2	9	1	4	8	3	5	6
8	4	5	2	3	6	1	7	9
3	6	1	5	7	9	4	8	2
9	1	4	7	8	3	2	6	5
5	7	6	9	2	4	8	3	1
2	3	8	6	5	1	7	9	4
6	5	3	8	1	7	9	4	2
4	8	2	3	9	5	6	1	7
1	9	7	4	6	2	5	8	3

Killer Sudoku

9	5	6	7	2	8	1	3	4
4	7	9	1	6	5	3	2	9
1	3	2	6	4	9	7	5	8
5	4	7	9	8	2	6	1	3
2	6	3	4	5	1	9	8	7
8	1	4	2	5	9	3	7	6
6	8	5	3	9	7	2	4	1
3	9	8	5	1	4	6	2	7
7	2	1	8	3	6	4	9	5

Jumble Crossword

ANSWERS: 1A-Sumatra 6A-Probate 8A-Coin 9A-Cape 11A-Nemesis 12A-Grenada 2D-Utopian 3D-Ajar 4D-Special 5D-Release 7D-Elapsed 10D-Omen 8-Central America

PUZZLES

SUNDAY JUMBLE

JUMBLE® THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form six ordinary words.

GRIHEH

LCICNI

CASUAB

TBIRET

CDAACI

CRASEC

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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SUNDAY SCRABBLEGRAM

Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE© Players Dictionary, 5th Edition.

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A1 I1 Y4 L1 P3 S1 M3		RACK 1
I1 I1 H4 S1 S1 K5 C3	3rd Letter Triple	RACK 2
A1 O1 O1 L1 N1 R1 C3		RACK 3
I1 U1 P3 B3 M3 K5 N1	Double Word Score	RACK 4
A1 A1 Y4 H4 W4 T1 P3		RACK 5

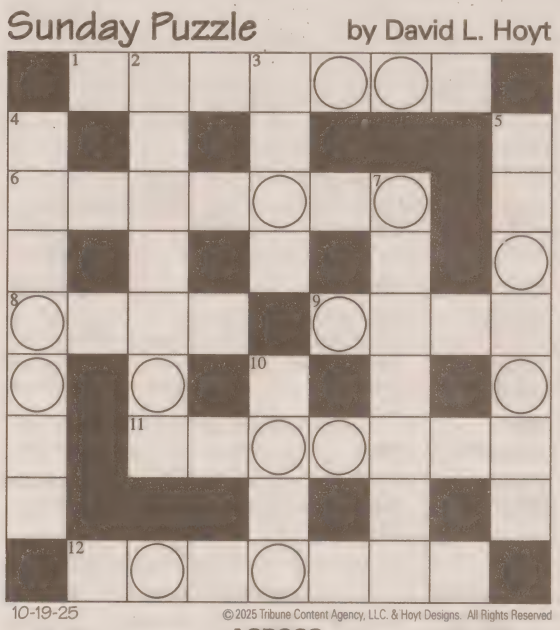
PAR SCORE 275-285
BEST SCORE 347

FIVE RACK TOTAL ____
TIME LIMIT: 25 MIN

JUMBLE CROSSWORD

Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

Sunday Puzzle by David L. Hoyt



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ACROSS

1. Source of famed coffee — RSTAMAU
6. ____ court — RAEPBOT
8. Gold ____ — NCIO
9. Sleeveless cloak — PCAE
11. Greek goddess of vengeance — NSSIEME
12. Home to St. George's — DGANERA

DOWN

2. Dreamlike society vision — POTUINA
3. Slightly open — RJAA
4. Unique in quality — LAECIPS
5. Set free — ELERSAE
7. Passed — PDELESA
10. Prophetic symbol — NMEO

BONUS

CLUE: It sits on three tectonic plates, making it very geologically active.

KILLER SUDOKU

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. Digits inside the dotted cages must add up to the number in the corner of each cage, and digits can't repeat inside a cage.

5		17		21	21			3
11		17				9	7	
13				12			10	
22					12	12	15	
15	8		3	5				
				23		18		
13		13	14		16		4	
11					14		11	
4	12						14	

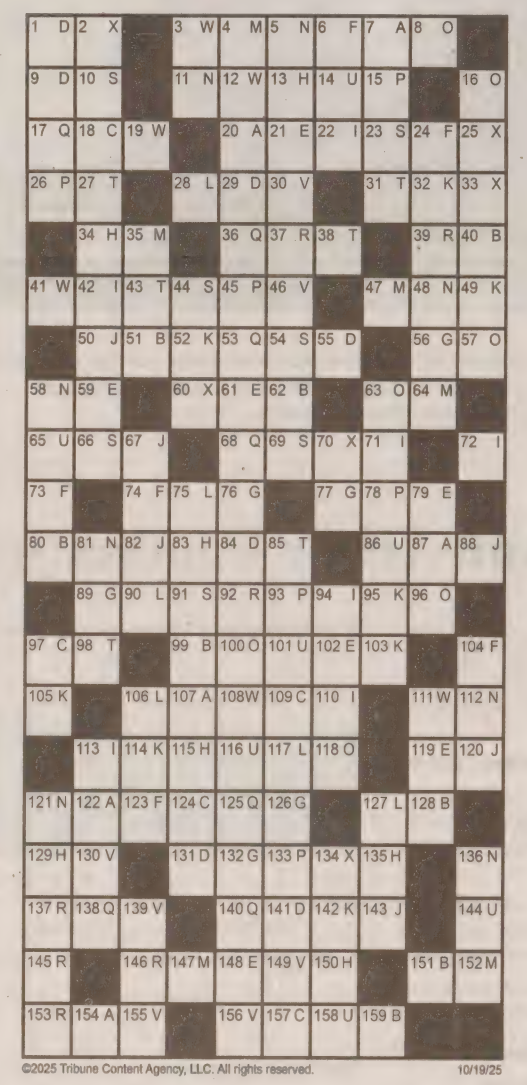
MEPHAM SUDOKU

7	8				6		2	
1					4			
		6		5				
		2			9	8		
	9						3	
		7	3			4		
2				7		1		
								8
	5		8		1		9	7

QUOTE ACROSTIC

Define clues in Words column. Transfer letters to diagram. Quotation reads across; first letters of Words column form acrostic of speaker's name and topic.

CLUES	WORDS
A. Like Timbuktu	87 154 20 7 122 107
B. Appreciative	62 80 51 151 159 128 40 99
C. Jeweler's unit	124 18 109 157 97
D. Like some nails	1 84 55 29 141 9 131
E. More scrumptious	79 148 119 59 21 61 102
F. Ontario's second-largest city	6 74 73 123 104 24
G. Fretted	126 56 76 77 132 89
H. Klutzy	83 34 115 129 13 135 150
I. Relative	71 42 94 22 113 72 110
J. Protected	120 82 50 67 143 88
K. Rouse again	49 105 114 142 32 52 95 103
L. Scarf down	127 117 75 28 106 90
M. Reason for many a break	4 147 47 64 35 152
N. Ubiquitous dipteran	5 48 81 121 58 136 11 112
O. Tickle pink	96 100 8 63 118 57 16
P. Pay back	78 133 26 15 93 45
Q. Samson's barber?	140 125 68 53 138 36 17
R. Show for critics	39 37 145 153 92 137 146
S. Single issue magazine Hyph.	66 54 10 91 44 69 23
T. Fixate	98 31 27 38 43 85
U. One that keeps track?	14 86 116 158 144 101 65
V. Resident	46 156 130 149 139 30 155
W. Out	108 111 3 12 41 19
X. Shrek's pal	33 70 2 25 134 60



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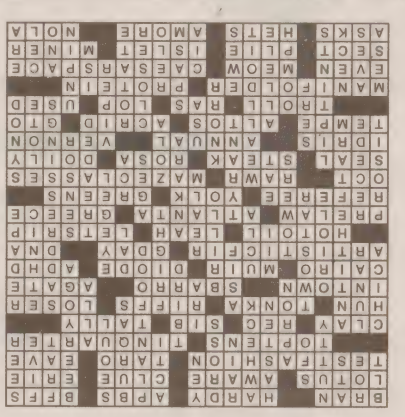

WEATHER

WEEK IN PHOTOS

Alaska storms drive 1,500 from their homes; 2 villages are decimated

An unoccupied home in Kotlik rests on its roof last Sunday after the storm hit western Alaska. *Adaline Pete, AP*

Officials last week rushed to find housing for people from tiny coastal villages devastated by the remnants of Typhoon Halong. The remote location and severe damage limited options as they raced against other impending storms and the onset of winter. High winds and surging waters battered low-lying, isolated Alaska Native communities along the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta in southwest Alaska, nearly 500 miles from Anchorage, last weekend. The Coast Guard plucked two dozen people from homes that had floated out to sea in high water, three people were missing or dead as of Thursday and hundreds stayed in school shelters. Across the region, more than 1,500 people were displaced. The hardest-hit communities included Kipnuk, population 715, seen above, and Kwigillingok, population 380. They are off the state's main road system and reachable this time of year only by water or by air. *Photo courtesy Carolyn Hoover/TNS*

Members of the Alaska National Guard prepare for departure Monday from Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Anchorage during storm response operations. *Capt. Balinda O'Neal/Alaska National Guard via AP*

Sgt. Max Hardy, a helicopter crew chief, carries a rescued dog from the helicopter Thursday in Bethel, Alaska. *Joseph Moon/Alaska National Guard via AP*

Dogs whose owners had evacuated Kipnuk, Alaska, are fed by a volunteer Wednesday before being flown to Bethel, Alaska. *Jacqui Lang via AP*

Sgt. Mary Miller, a helicopter crew chief, passes water to a child Thursday while evacuating people from Kwigillingok, Alaska. *Joseph Moon/Alaska National Guard via AP*

Ann Arbor weather today

Scattered storms

Windy with rain showers and scattered storms

High Low **65° 48°**
Feels like 65° 43°
Average 58°

Winds. 7 mph, S
Humidity. 100%

Hourly forecast **Sunrise** 7:52 a.m. **Sunset** 6:46 p.m. **Moonrise** 6:01 a.m. **Moonset** 5:51 p.m.

12 am	1	2	3	4	5	6 am	7	8	9	10	11	12 pm	1	2	3	4	5	6 pm	7	8	9	10	11
58°	58°	57°	58°	58°	57°	58°	57°	61°	59°	65°	64°	64°	63°	61°	60°	59°	57°	55°	53°	52°	51°	50°	48°

Scattered Storms 86% · Isolated · Showers 93% · Showers 84%

Extended forecast

Tomorrow	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
61° 41°	57° 44°	53° 40°	56° 37°	54° 33°	60° 40°
Partly cloudy with showers	Partly cloudy with light showers likely	Partly cloudy with showers	Partly cloudy with light wintry mix	Partly cloudy with isolated showers	Mostly cloudy with showers
Wind 13 mph, WNW	**Wind** 9 mph, S	**Wind** 11 mph, WSW	**Wind** 6 mph, W	**Wind** 4 mph, WSW	**Wind** 4 mph, SW
Precipitation 45% chance	**Precipitation** 59% chance	**Precipitation** 46% chance	**Precipitation** 23% chance	**Precipitation** 10% chance	**Precipitation** 17% chance

Almanac

Yesterday

High Low **79° 52°**
Average 63°

Precipitation* 0.13"
Max wind 13 mph, SSW
Wind gust 24 mph
Humidity max. 100%
Humidity min. 48%
Humidity avg. 60%
Dewpoint max. 60°
Dewpoint min. 41°
Dewpoint avg. 51°

Last 30 days

Temp. max. 87°
Temp. min. 36°
Avg. high low 75° 51°
Precipitation* 1.78"
YTD precip.* 20.50"

Moon phases

New Oct. 21
First Oct. 29
Full Nov. 05
Third Nov. 12

Local information comes from several area weather stations and can vary from sources used elsewhere.

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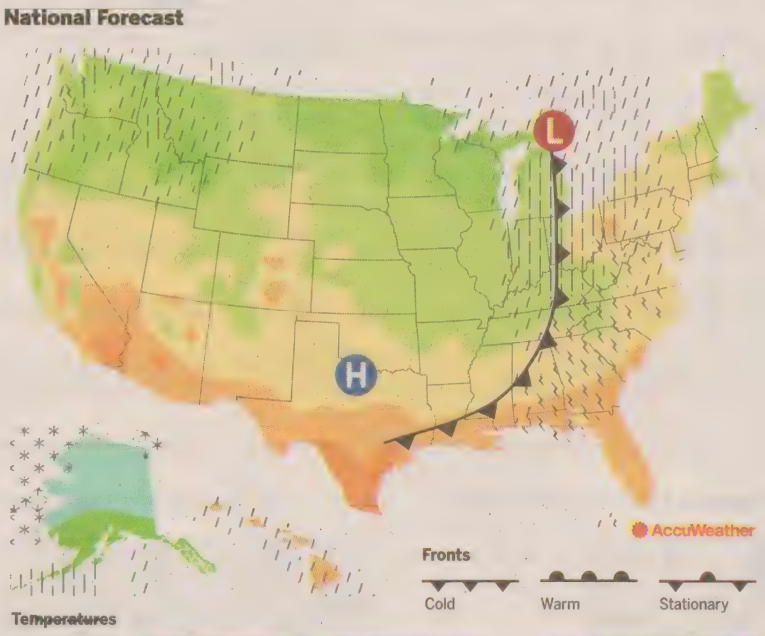

Cities Forecast key

BD Blowing dust **BN** Blowing sand **BS** Blowing snow **BY** Blowing spray **CL** Cloudy-Overcast **CR** Clear **DZ** Drizzle **F** Fog **FR** Frost **HA** Hail **HZ** Haze **IC** Ice crystals **IF** Ice fog **IP** Ice pellets **MC** Mostly Cloudy **MS** Mist **PC** Partly cloudy **R** Rain **RM** Rain-snow mix **RW** Rain showers **SK** Smoke **SL** Snow-sleet mix **SN** Snow **SS** Snow-Showers **SU** Fair-Mostly sunny **T** Thunderstorms **UP** Unknown **VA** Volcanic ash **WM** Wintry mix **WP** Waterspouts **ZD** Freezing drizzle **ZF** Freezing fog **ZR** Freezing rain **ZS** Freezing spray

Region	Yesterday	Today	Tomorrow		Yesterday	Today	Tomorrow
Bad Axe	72-55 T	66-41 T	60-42 RW	Mack. City	65-51 T	57-46 T	56-49 RW
Bay City	71-56 T	63-41 T	61-46 SU	Marquette	68-48 SU	53-42 RW	57-47 RW
C. Harbor	63-48 SU	55-46 RW	57-48 RW	Marshall	76-52 T	63-39 RW	60-47 SU
Escanaba	68-46 RW	55-37 RW	57-45 RW	Milwaukee	73-50 T	55-42 RW	62-47 PC
Flint	77-57 T	64-41 T	61-47 SU	Mt. Pleasant	71-54 T	60-40 RW	60-46 SU
Fort Wayne	81-58 T	64-41 RW	62-49 CR	Muskegon	68-51 T	60-46 RW	62-49 SU
Grand Rapids	71-53 T	59-43 RW	60-49 SU	Port Huron	72-60 RW	68-43 T	59-47 R
Green Bay	69-47 RW	56-40 RW	58-46 RW	Saginaw	72-57 T	63-42 T	61-47 SU
Houghton	65-46 SU	54-39 RW	58-45 RW	S.S. Marie	68-52 T	57-45 T	56-47 RW
Jackson	78-54 T	65-40 T	62-46 SU	South Bend	75-55 T	60-41 RW	63-49 CR
Kalamazoo	74-52 T	60-41 RW	60-47 SU	South Haven	70-50 T	61-46 RW	62-49 SU
Lansing	74-55 T	64-41 RW	60-48 SU	Toledo	81-66 T	68-46 T	61-50 SU
London	70-62 PC	72-49 T	59-45 R	Trav. City	70-50 T	58-44 T	60-48 RW

U.S.	Yesterday	Today	Tomorrow		Yesterday	Today	Tomorrow
Anchorage	42-30 WM	39-33 PC	38-30 WM	Minneapolis	64-43 RW	59-44 CR	61-43 RW
Atlanta	82-61 PC	73-48 T	71-51 CR	Nashville	88-59 SU	69-43 T	72-53 CR
Boston	62-49 SU	68-56 SU	66-53 T	New York City	64-58 PC	70-60 PC	64-54 T
Charlotte	81-58 CR	75-46 T	70-49 CR	New Orleans	84-72 RW	82-60 RW	78-64 SU
Chicago	74-54 T	58-46 R	64-50 SU	Orlando	82-65 SU	88-70 SU	85-70 PC
Cleveland	79-67 RW	73-49 T	60-50 RW	Palm Springs	89-68 CR	90-69 SU	91-70 SU
Dallas	84-57 T	75-55 CR	88-64 CR	Phoenix	84-61 SU	88-62 CR	89-63 CR
Denver	61-36 RW	77-46 PC	67-36 SU	Pittsburgh	79-61 PC	78-47 RW	61-45 RW
Detroit	76-60 RW	69-44 R	62-49 R	Portland	62-51 RW	60-46 T	61-45 PC
Honolulu	86-78 RW	85-78 RW	86-76 RW	San Diego	79-61 SU	77-59 SU	76-60 SU
Houston	89-71 T	83-62 SU	86-70 CR	San Francisco	76-56 CR	71-57 SU	75-57 SU
Indianapolis	81-53 T	61-42 T	65-51 CR	San Juan	84-79 T	83-80 RW	86-80 T
Kansas City	78-49 T	65-52 CR	74-51 CR	Seattle	54-49 R	59-48 T	59-48 RW
Las Vegas	81-61 CR	83-59 SU	81-60 CR	St. Louis	72-51 T	64-45 RW	73-52 CR
Los Angeles	84-60 SU	81-58 PC	81-58 SU	Tampa	86-68 SU	88-72 RW	88-72 PC
Miami	82-76 SU	85-76 T	85-79 T	Washington	73-56 PC	76-52 RW	65-49 RW

World	Yesterday	Today	Tomorrow		Yesterday	Today	Tomorrow
Acapulco	79-65 RW	77-66 RW	78-66 RW	Nassau	82-78 SU	83-79 RW	83-78 RW
Amsterdam	55-48 PC	57-54 MC	62-56 RW	Paris	63-50 PC	63-58 R	63-56 R
Buenos Aires	68-48 CR	71-56 SU	74-58 SU	Prague	50-36 PC	51-39 CL	56-44 MC
Dublin	58-54 RW	62-54 R	58-52 RW	Riyadh	92-75 PC	92-73 CR	93-71 CR
Jerusalem	76-60 SU	74-61 CR	77-64 CR	Rome	72-54 SU	73-54 SU	72-57 CL
Ljubljana	60-42 PC	56-41 PC	58-51 CL	Seoul	64-55 RW	64-41 RW	57-40 PC
London	60-53 CL	59-56 RW	60-55 T	Tokyo	77-68 PC	71-61 RW	70-57 MC
Madrid	76-57 CR	69-60 R	71-56 MC	Toronto	69-60 PC	73-53 T	60-46 R
Mexico City	75-55 RW	74-54 SU	74-54 PC	Vancouver	49-45 R	56-41 R	56-47 R

SUNDAY COMICS

B.C.

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Baby Blues

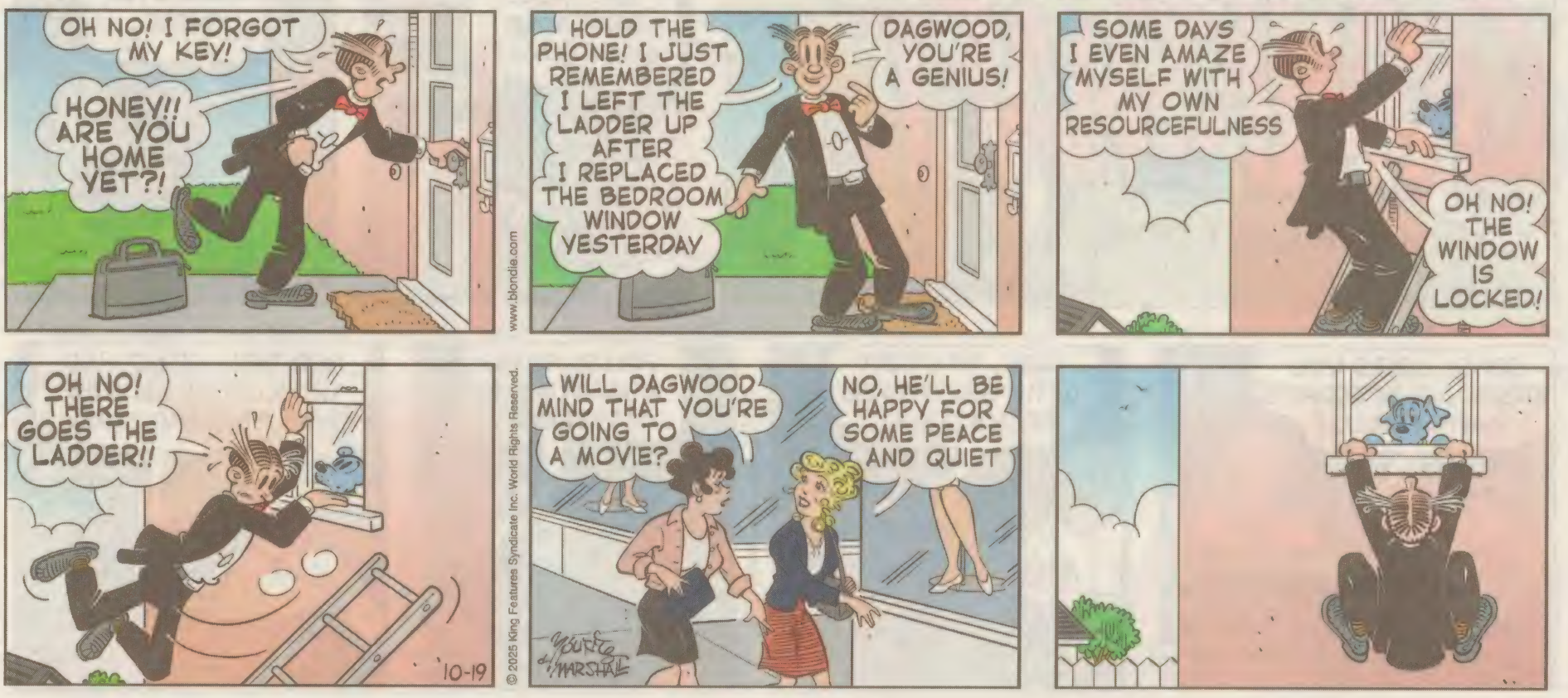
Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

BEETLE BAILEY

BY GREG, BRIAN & NEAL WALKER

BLONDIE

BY DEAN YOUNG & JOHN MARSHALL



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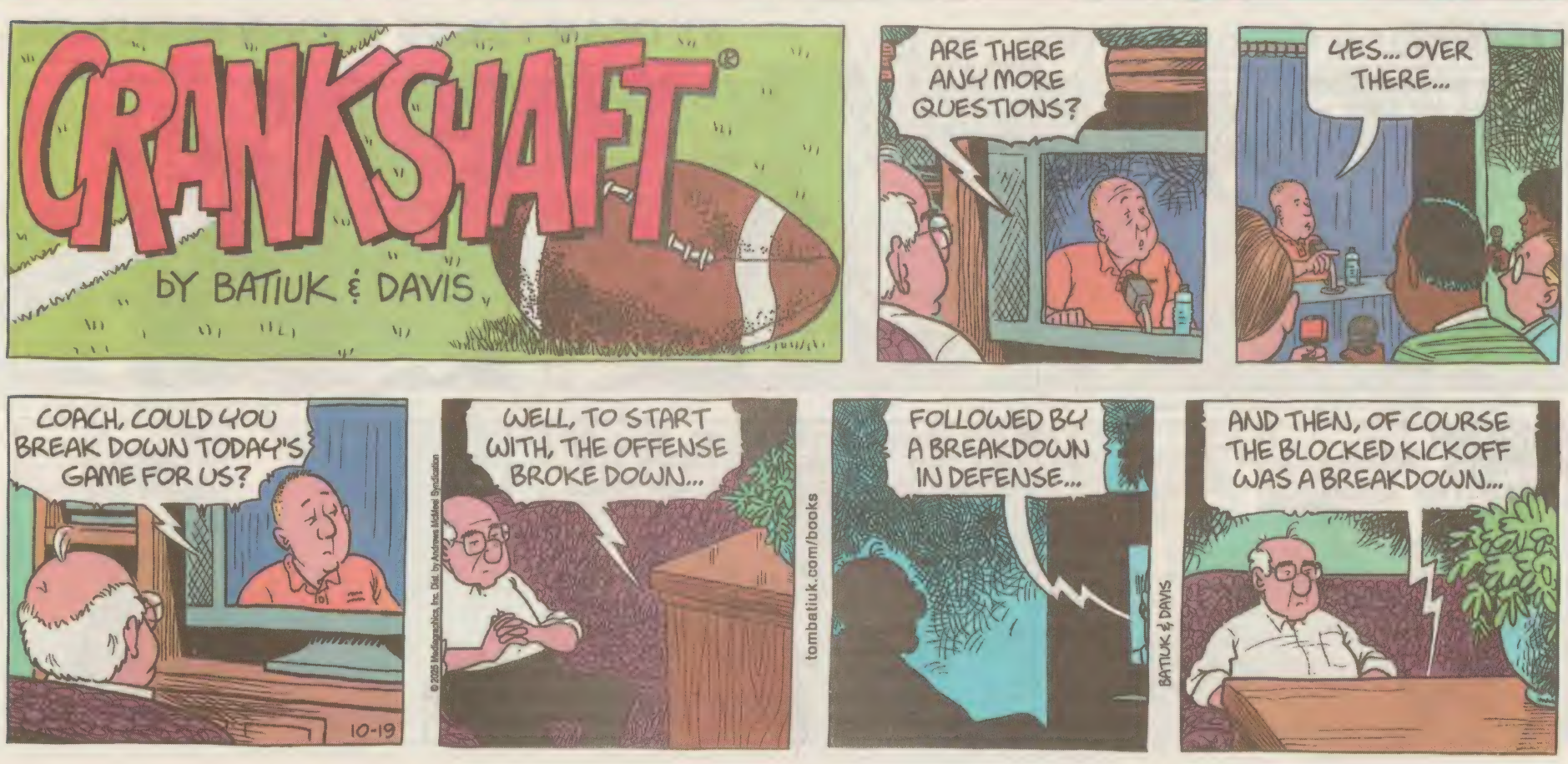
Crabgrass

BY TAUHID BONDIA



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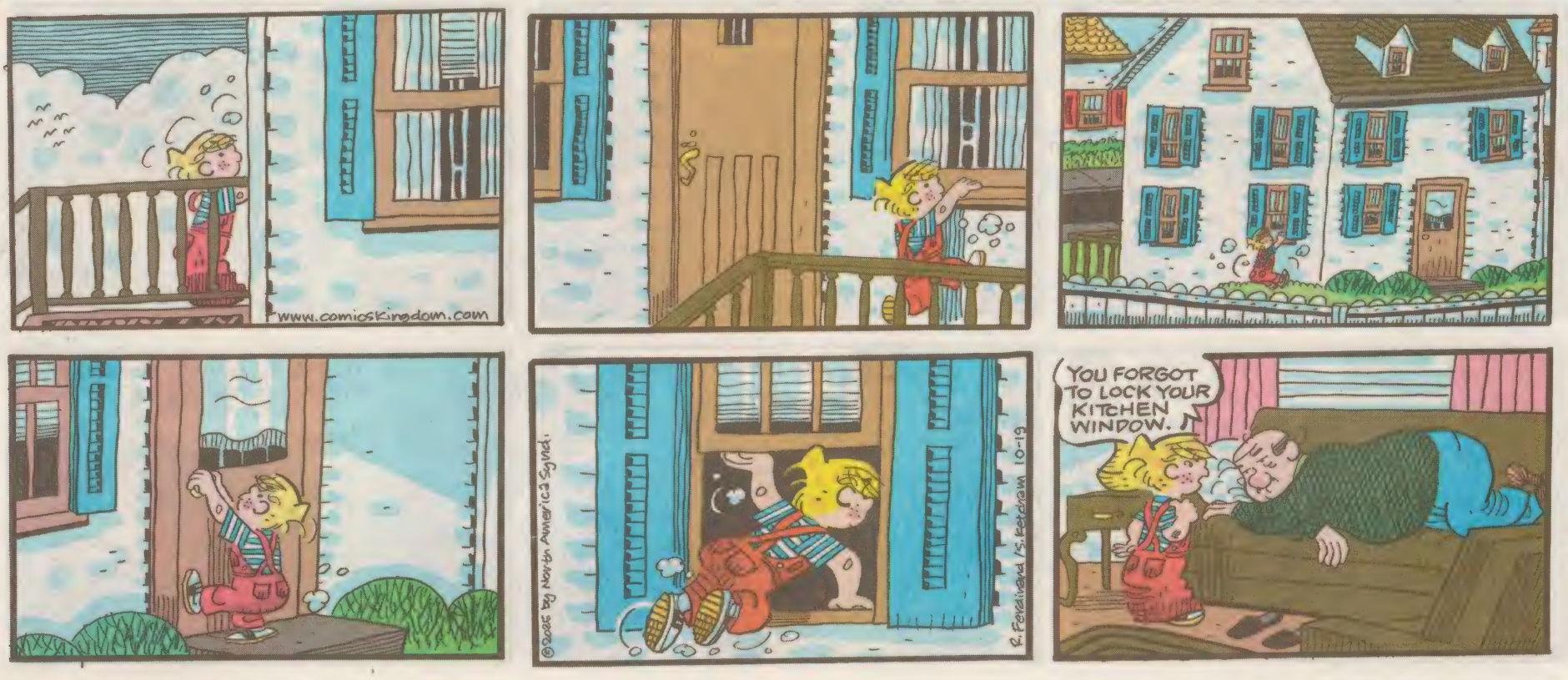
DENNIS THE MENACE

BY HANK KETCHAM



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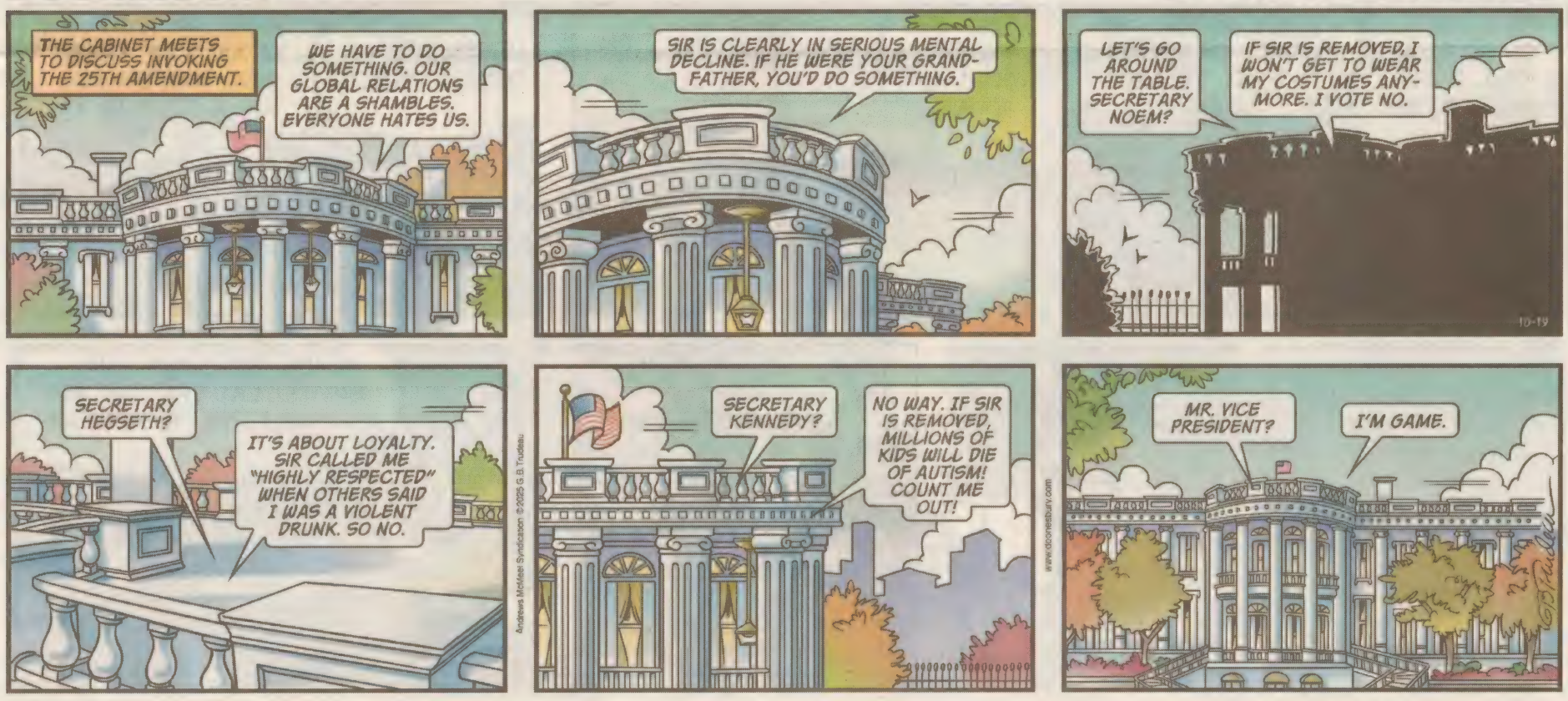
BY GARRY TRUDEAU



FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

BY LYNN JOHNSTON

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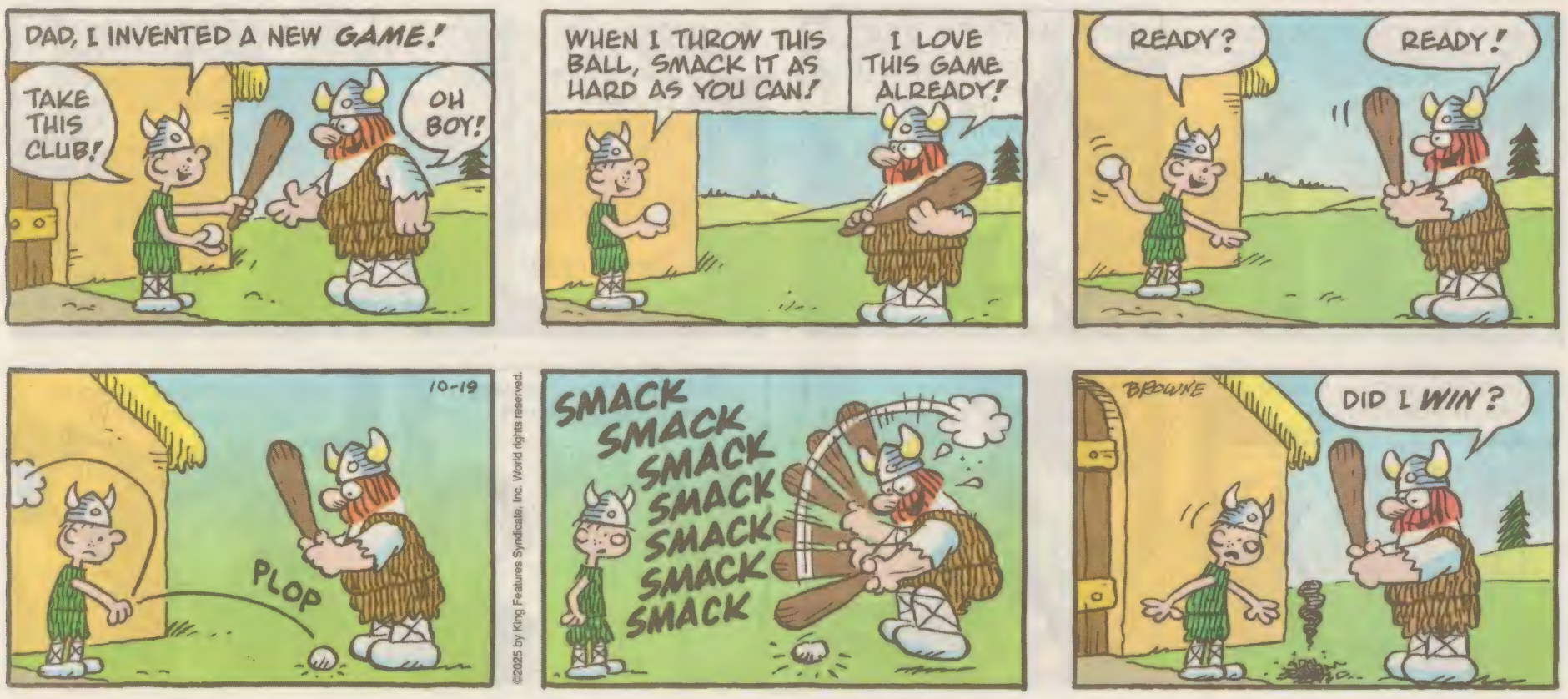
GET FUZZY — BY DARBY CONLEY

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE — BY DIK BROWNE



SUNDAY COMICS

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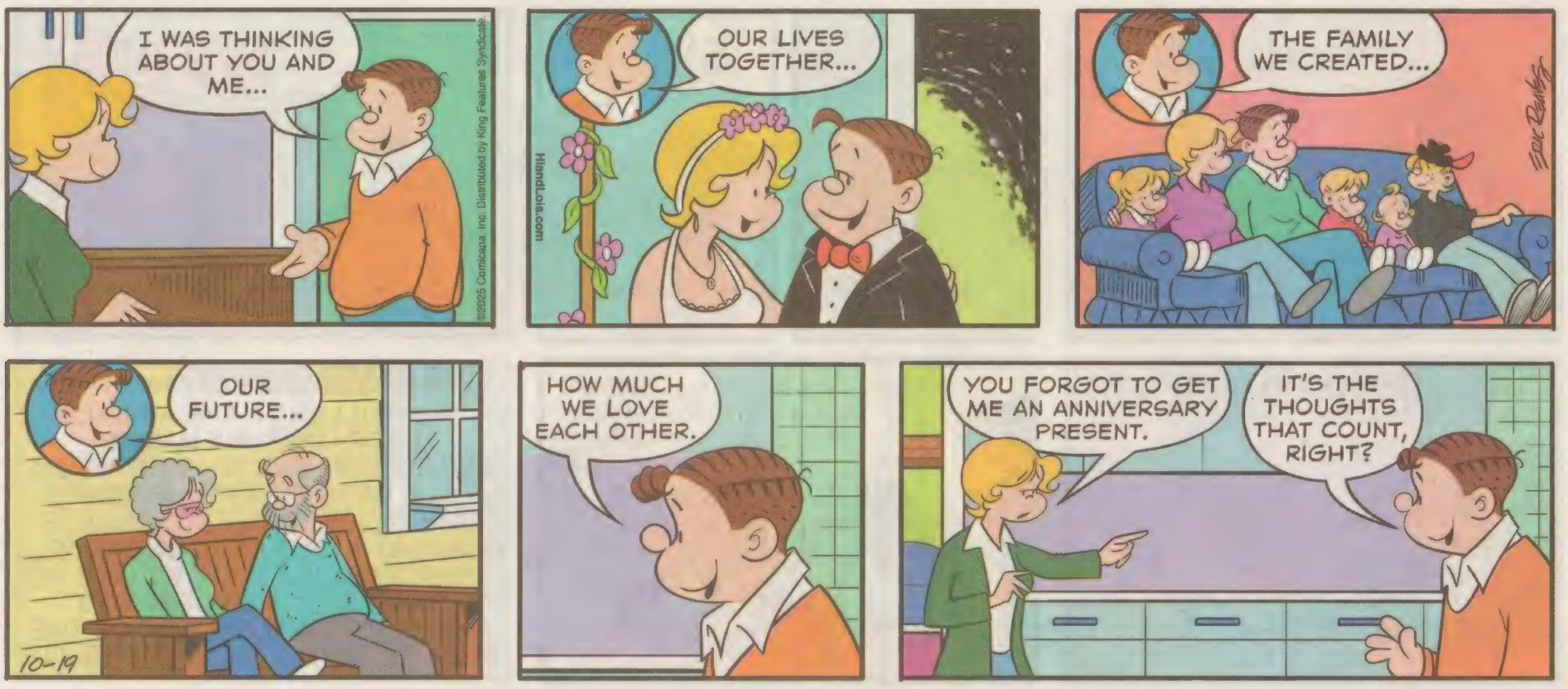
BY BRIAN AND GREG WALKER



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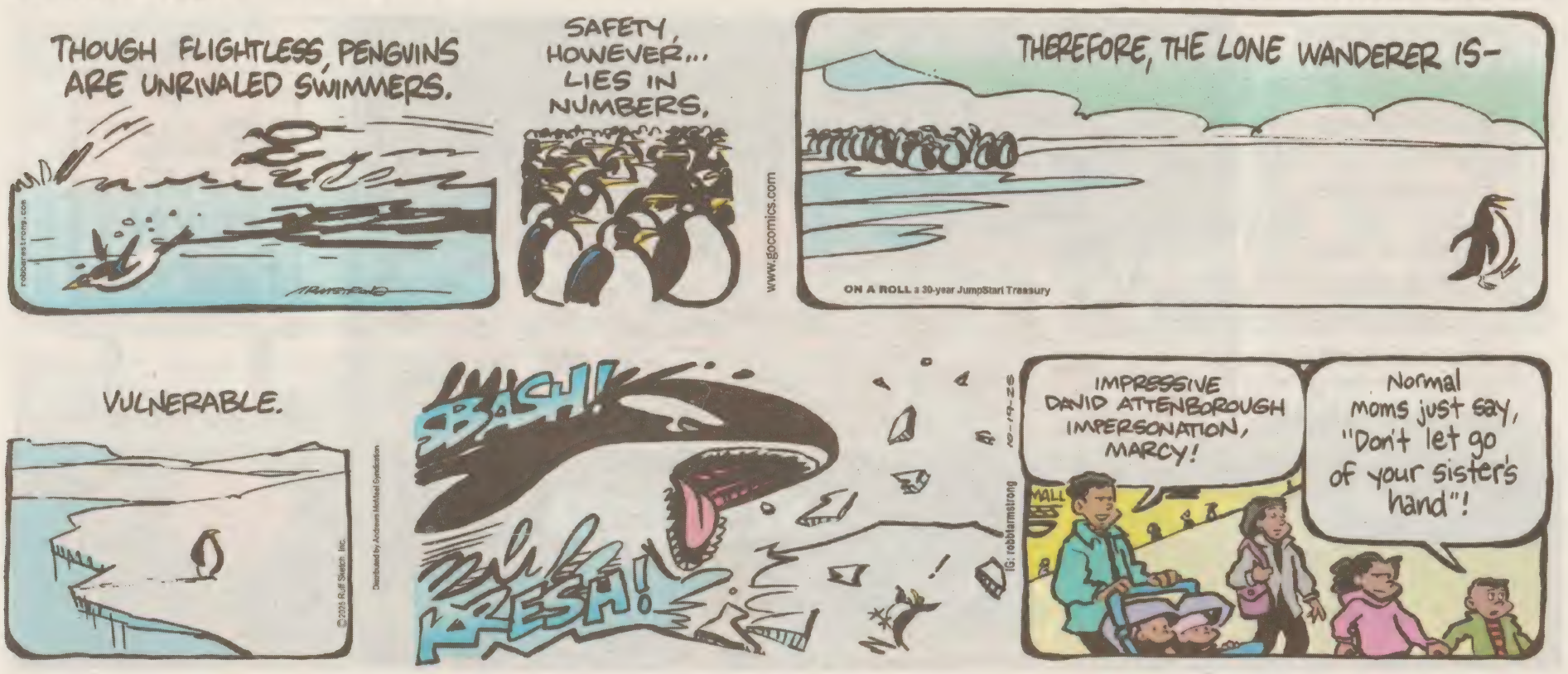

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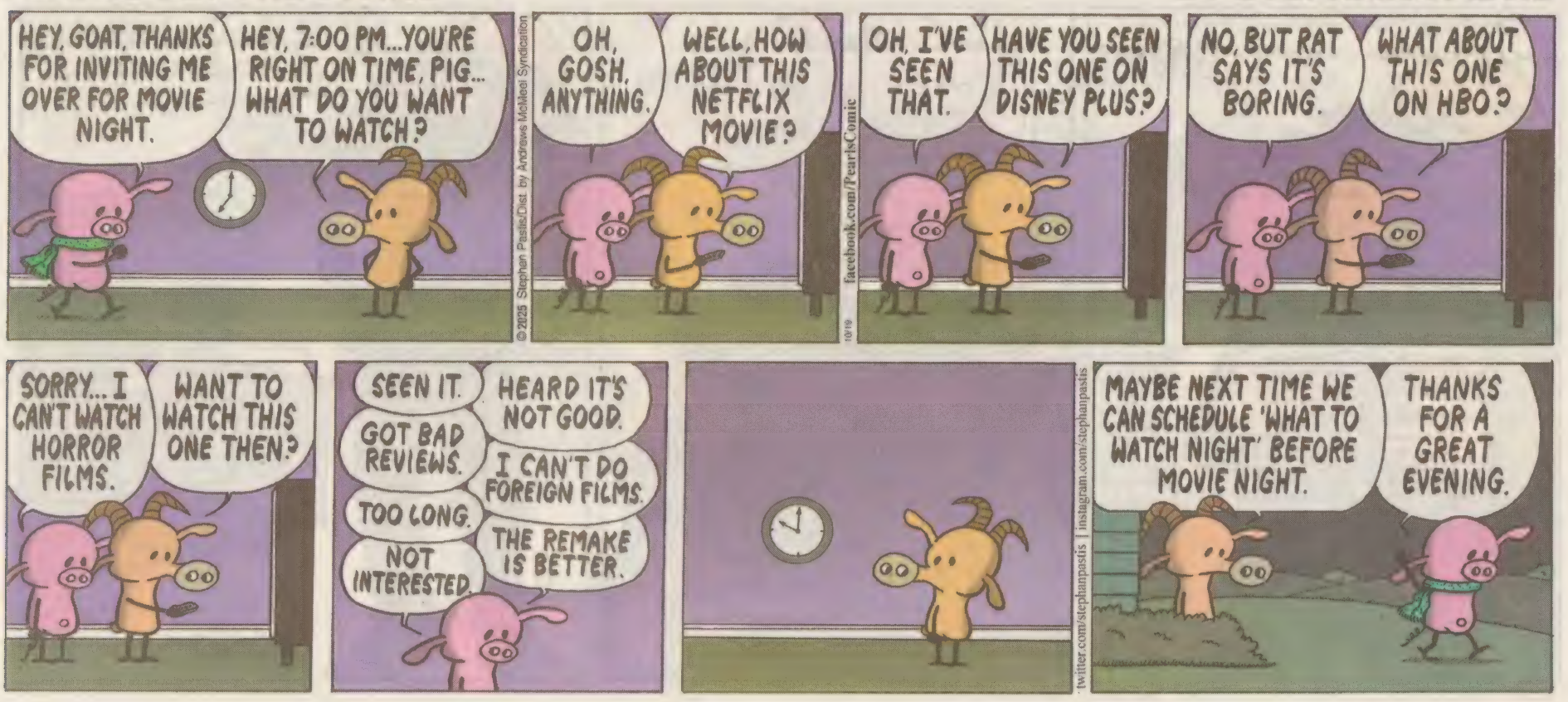

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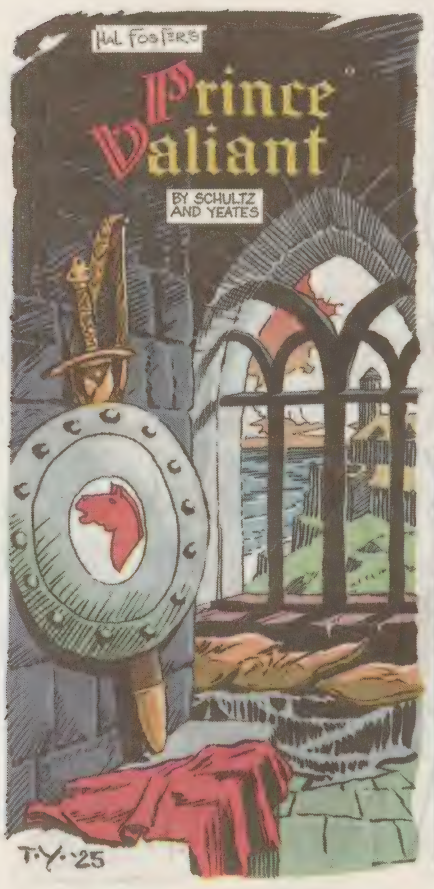

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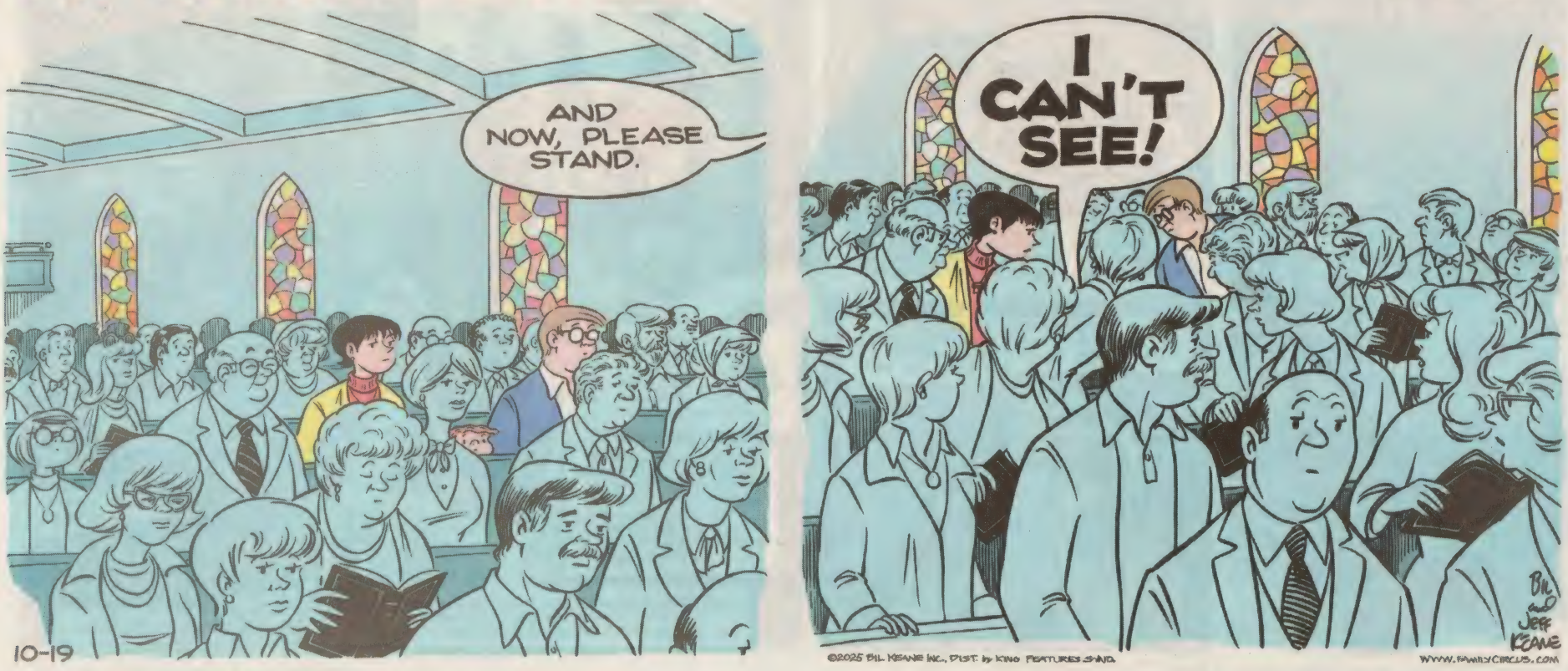

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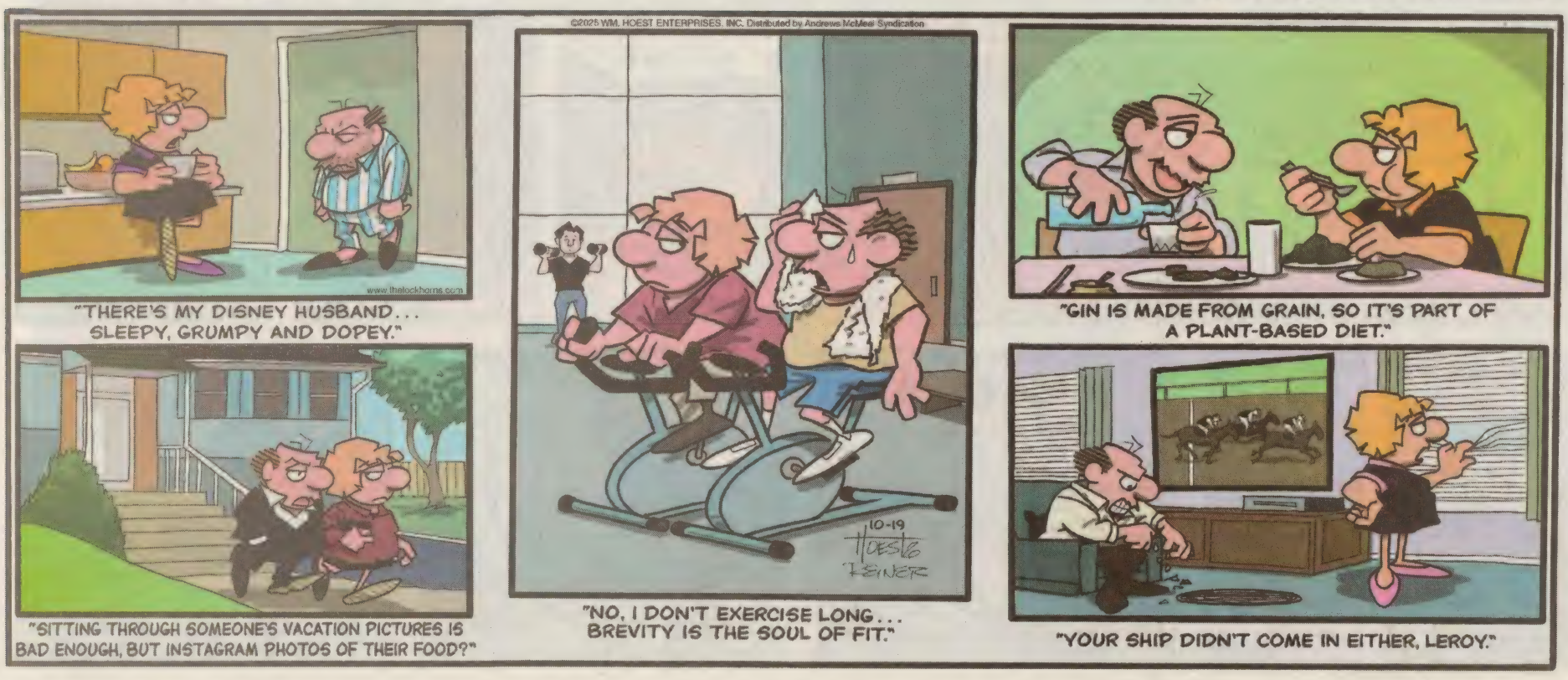

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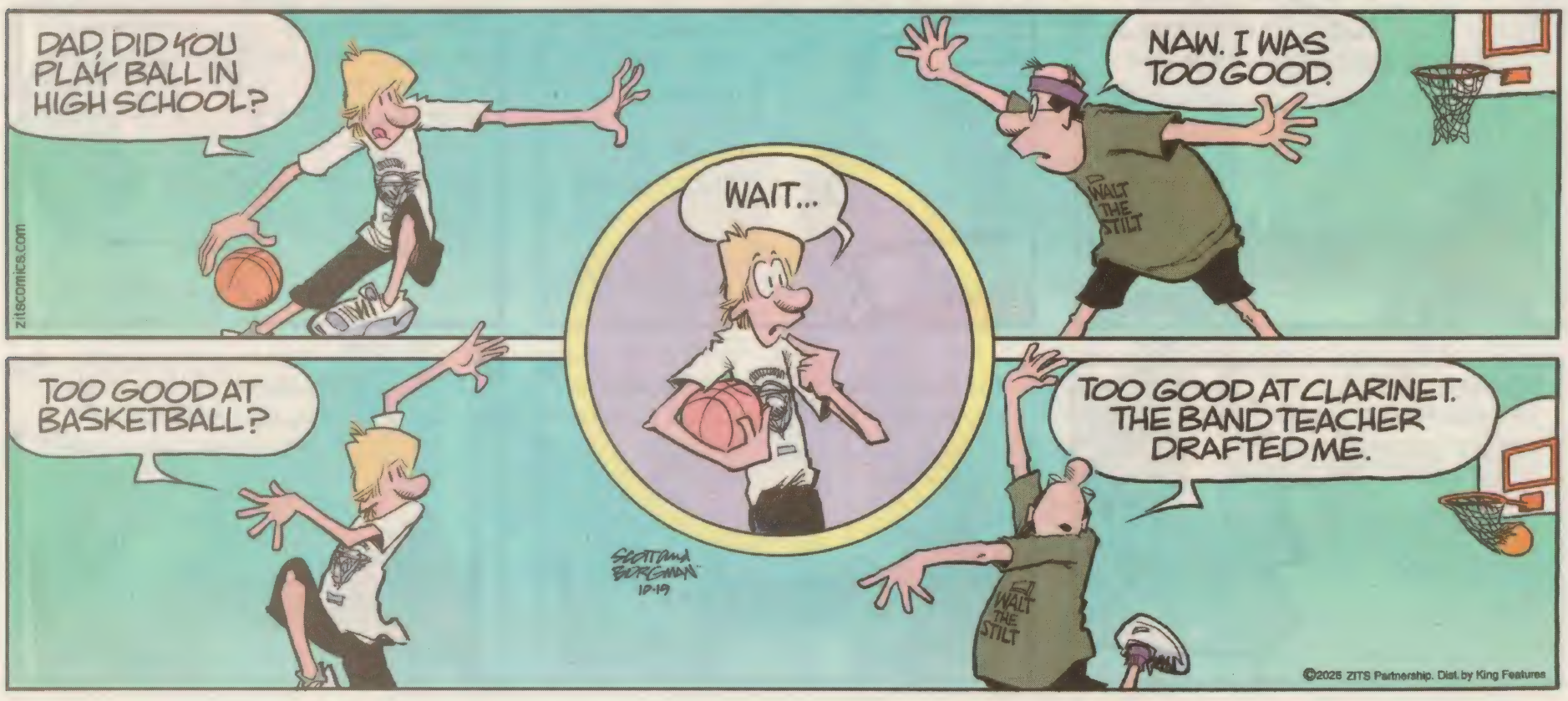

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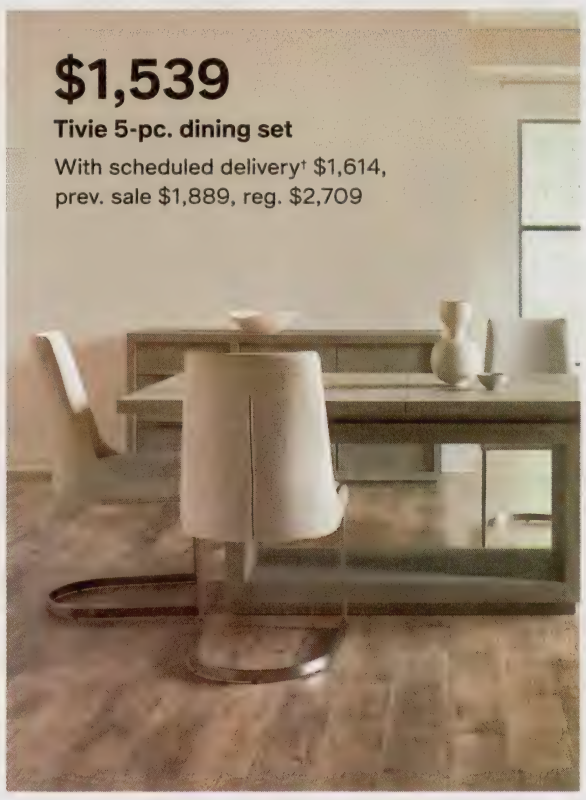

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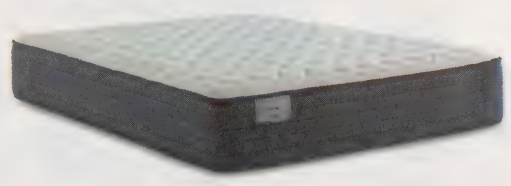

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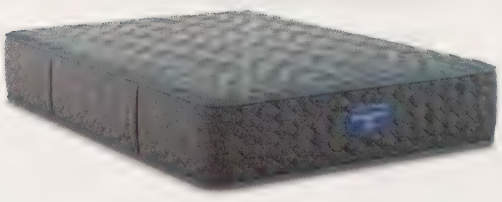

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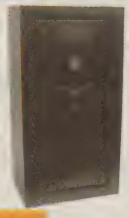

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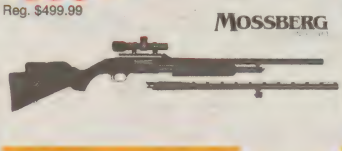

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RIFLES AND BLACKPOWDER

SAVE $20 — TM22 18" 22LR SEMI-AUTO
- 18" barrel
- Magazine capacity: 10

$119.99
Reg. $139.99

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- 18" barrel

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Reg. $224.99

SAVE $35 — 64 PRECISION 22LR
- 16.5" barrel
- Magazine capacity: 20

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- 16.5" barrel
- Magazine capacity: 10

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SAVE $130 — GSG-16 SEMI-AUTO 22LR
- Collapsible stock that also serves as an additional magazine storage

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- Magazine capacity: 15
- Adjustable rear and hood front sight

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- Assortment varies by store
- Includes 450 Bushmaster and 350 Legend caliber

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Reg. $499.99

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SAVE $150 — GOLDEN BOY 22LR
- Lever action
- 20" barrel, american walnut stock
- Magazine capacity: 16

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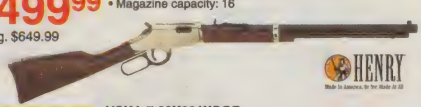
Reg. $649.99



SAVE $100 — AMERICAN GEN 2 RIFLE
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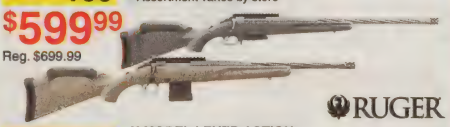

SAVE UP TO $250 — AR-556 OR 15 SPORT III
- Assortment varies by store

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Reg. to $949.99

SAVE $150 — VSKA 7.62X39 WOOD
- 16.25" barrel
- Magazine capacity: 30

$749.99
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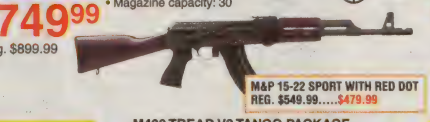

M&P 15-22 SPORT WITH RED DOT REG. $549.99.....$479.99

SAVE $170 — X MODEL LEVER ACTION
- Assortment varies by store

$899.99
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SAVE $250 — SAINT VICTOR RED DOT PACKAGE
- Assortment varies by store

$1049.99
Reg. $1299.99

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- Includes tango msr 1-6x24 lpvo scope

$1249.99
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SAVE $100 — OPTIMA V2 LONG RANGE VORTEX COMBO
- 50 cal
- Includes 4-12x44 Vortex scope

$599.99
Reg. $699.99

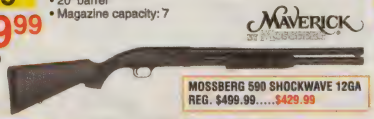
SHOTGUNS

SAVE $30 — BULLTAC PUMP 12GA SHOTGUN
- 18" barrel
- Magazine capacity: 5

$219.99
Reg. $249.99

SAVE $35 — M88 SECURITY 12GA SHOTGUN
- 20" barrel
- Magazine capacity: 7

$239.99
Reg. $274.99



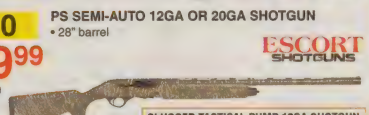
MOSSBERG 590 SHOCKWAVE 12GA REG. $499.99.....$429.99

SAVE $45 — 12GA COMBO SHOTGUN
- Includes 28" field barrel and 18.5 home defense barrel

$279.99
Reg. $324.99

SAVE $70 — PS SEMI-AUTO 12GA OR 20GA SHOTGUN
- 28" barrel

$329.99
Reg. $399.99



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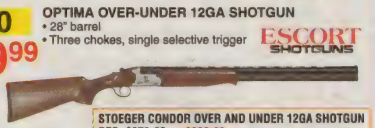
$399.99 -10% OFF MFG REBATE
- SXP HYBRID HUNTER 12GA SHOTGUN
- Assortment varies by store

AFTER REBATE SAVE $110

YOUR FINAL PRICE $359.99
Reg. $469.99

SAVE $50 — OPTIMA OVER-UNDER 12GA SHOTGUN
- 28" barrel
- Three chokes, single selective trigger

$379.99
Reg. $429.99



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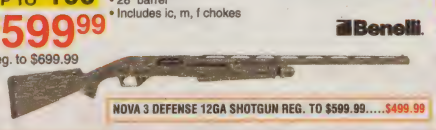
SAVE $100 — COACH 12GA SHOTGUN

$449.99
Reg. $549.99

SAVE UP TO $100 — NOVA 3 CAMO 12GA SHOTGUN
- 28" barrel
- Includes ic, m, f chokes

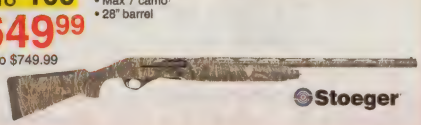
$599.99
Reg. to $699.99



NOVA 3 DEFENSE 12GA SHOTGUN REG. TO $599.99.....$499.99

SAVE UP TO $100 — M3000 SEMI-AUTO 12GA SHOTGUN
- Max 7 camo
- 28" barrel

$649.99
Reg. to $749.99



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SAVE UP TO 35% OFF GUNS*

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SAVE $140
$199.99
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LCP 380
- Magazine capacity: 6+1
- Includes one 6 round mag

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SAVE $85
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P22 22LR
- Assortment varies by store
- Not available in IL and MN stores

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24+4 GUN LONG RANGE SAFE
- 59" x 26.5" x 21.5" dimensions
- 1400 degrees/90 minutes fire rating
- Stores 24 long guns/4 handguns

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$139.99 -25.00 MFG REBATE
YOUR FINAL PRICE **$114.99** AFTER REBATE SAVE $55
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22 MAG/22LR POLY GRIP ROUGH RIDER
- Not available in IL and MN stores

SAVE $85
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C9 9MM
- 3-dot, fully adjustable sights
- Not available in IL and MN stores

JXP 10 MM REG. $249.99.....$179.99

$249.99 -30.00 MFG REBATE
YOUR FINAL PRICE **$219.99** AFTER REBATE SAVE $130
Reg. $349.99
G3C 9MM
- Assortment varies by store

G3 9MM REG. $349.99.....$249.99 AFTER REBATE

SAVE $50
$249.99
Reg. $299.99
M206 38 SPECIAL REVOLVER
- 6 round capacity
- Fixed ramp front sight

SAVE $45
$279.99
Reg. $324.99
DY9 9MM
- Truglo sights
- Optics ready

SAVE $50
$299.99
Reg. $349.99
SD 2.0 9MM OR 40S&W
- Assortment varies by store

SAVE $45
$379.99
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1911 A1 SERVICE OR M1911-A1 45 ACP
- Assortment varies by store

SAVE $100
$399.99
Reg. $499.99
RXM 9MM
- Includes 2 magpul pmag 15 round magazines

EC9S 9MM REG. $349.99.....$229.99

SAVE $25
$399.99
Reg. $424.99
BODYGUARD 2.0 380
- Magazine capacity: 10 & 12

SHIELD PLUS 9MM REG. $499.99.....$399.99

SAVE UP TO $80
$449.99
Reg. to $529.99
G43 OR G43X 9MM
- Assortment varies by store

SAVE $50
$489.99
Reg. $539.99
G43X MOS 9MM

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SAVE $50
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G17 OR G19 9MM GEN 5
- Assortment varies by store

SAVE $50
$589.99
Reg. $639.99
G19X 9MM CROSSOVER
- Includes one 17 round and two 19 round magazines

SAVE $50
$599.99
Reg. $649.99
PC SHIELD PLUS 9MM CARRY COMP
- Clearsight cut

SAVE $50
$599.99
Reg. $649.99
1911 DUTY 45 AUTO
- G10 grips
- 3 dot novak style sights
- Includes 2 magazines

SAVE $80
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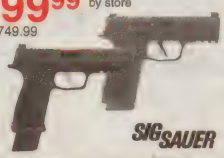
Reg. $679.99
METE MC9 PRIME
- Night fision tritium sights

MC9 9MM FDE REG. $449.99.....$399.99

SAVE $50
$649.99
Reg. $699.99
P320 M18 OR M17 9MM
- Assortment varies by store

SAVE $50
$699.99
Reg. $749.99
P365 MACRO OR P365 FUSE 9MM
- Assortment varies by store



SAVE $130
$749.99
Reg. $879.99
1911 LW 45 ACP PACKAGE
- Includes 3 mags, holster, mag holster and range bag

SAVE $50
$949.99
Reg. $999.99
TTI COMBAT 9MM
- Not available in all stores, check local store for availability

RIVAL SFX 9MM REG. $699.99.....$629.99

SAFES

SAVE $50
$89.99
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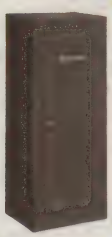
GUNVAULT®
MINIVAULT
- "safe to armed in seconds"

BULLDOG STANDARD DIGITAL VAULT REG. $64.99.....$54.99

SAVE $40
$159.99
Reg. $199.99
STACK-ON
10 GUN CABINET
- 53" x 17" x 13.5" dimensions
- Key lock

SAVE $60
$189.99
Reg. $249.99
STACK-ON
14 GUN CABINET
- 55" x 21" x 16" dimensions
- 3 point locking systems
- Assortment varies by store



SAVE $50
$249.99
Reg. $299.99
STACK-ON
18 GUN SECURITY CABINET
- 55" x 21" x 18" dimensions
- Three point lock

SAVE $70
$429.99
Reg. $499.99
SPORTS AFIELD
14 GUN FIREPROOF
- 55" x 17" x 18" dimensions
- 30 minute fire rating
- 14 long guns

SAVE $350
$549.99
Reg. $899.99
SPORTS AFIELD
24 GUN FIREPROOF
- 59" x 26" x 20" dimensions
- 45 minute fire rating
- Stores 24 long guns/4 handguns
- Door organizer

SAVE $150
$649.99
Reg. $799.99
SPORTS AFIELD
30+4 GUN FIRE RATED
- 55" x 25" x 19" dimensions
- 60 minute fire rating
- Stores 30 long guns/4 handguns
- Door organizer

SAVE $400
$1099.99
Reg. $1499.99
Remington.
36+4 LONG RANGE
- 59" x 34" x 23" dimensions
- 1400 degrees/90 minutes fire rating
- Stores 36 long guns/4 handguns

SAVE $500
$1299.99
Reg. $1799.99
Remington.
48+8 LONG LONG RANGE
- 59" x 38" x 25" dimensions
- 1400 degrees/90 minutes fire rating
- Stores 48 long guns/8 handguns

SAVE $200
$1299.99
Reg. $1499.99
SPORTS AFIELD
72+8 GUN FIREPROOF
- 59" x 42" x 25" dimensions
- 1400 degrees/60 minutes fire rating
- Stores 72 long guns/8 handguns

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12GA OR 20GA 00 BUCKSHOT
• 25 round
AFTER MONDAY **$19.99**

SAVE $7.98 — 2/$22 — Reg. $14.99
5.56MM OR 223 FMJ AMMO
• 20 round
• Assortment varies by store
$11.00 each
After Monday
$12.00 each
AFTER MONDAY **2 FOR $24**

SAVE $50 — $99.99 — Reg. $149.99
MUDDY
LR650 RANGEFINDER
• 650 yard range
• 7x magnification
• 24mm lens
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SAVE $60 — $139.99 — Reg. $199.99
SIG SAUER
ROMEO 5 GEN II
• Rugged design
AFTER MONDAY **$149.99**

AMMO QUANTITIES LIMITED TO STOCK ON HAND. SORRY, NO RAINCHECKS.

AMMO

SAVE $8 — CHAMPION 22LR
• 325 round
$21.99 — Reg. $29.99

SAVE $3.98 — 22LR MINI MAG
• Assortment varies by store
• 100 round
2/$20 — Reg. $11.99
$10.00 each
SUB-SONIC HP 22LR AMMO
REG. $14.99.....$12.99

SAVE $10 — THUNDERBOLT 22
• Assortment varies by store
• 500 round
$34.99 — Reg. $44.99

SAVE $2 — 9MM FMJ USA
• 115 grain or 124 grain
• 50 round
$12.99 — Reg. $14.99
WINCHESTER 9MM FMJ USA 100 ROUND AMMO REG. $29.99.....$25.99

SAVE $11 — 380 AUTO FMJ
• 50 round
• 95 grains
$16.99 — Reg. $27.99
40 S&W FMJ 50 ROUND AMMO
REG. $29.99.....$19.99

SAVE $2 — ELITE V-CROWN 9MM
• Assortment varies by store
$17.99 — Reg. $19.99

SAVE $12 — 45ACP
• 50 round
• 230 grains
$20.99 — Reg. $32.99

SAVE $4 — AMERICAN GUNNER
• Assortment varies by store
$22.99 — Reg. $26.99

SAVE $8 — 9MM
• 200 round
• 115 grain
• Fmj
$51.99 — Reg. $59.99

$27.99 -20% OFF MFG REBATE
YOUR FINAL PRICE $22.39 — Reg. $34.99
POWER-SHOK
• Assortment varies by store
AFTER REBATE SAVE $12.60
MUST PURCHASE 2 BOXES TO QUALIFY FOR REBATE

$24.99 -2.50 MFG REBATE
YOUR FINAL PRICE $22.49 — Reg. $29.99
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SUPER X POWER POINT
• Assortment varies by store
AFTER REBATE SAVE $11

SAVE $7 — AMERICAN WHITETAIL CENTERFIRE
• Assortment varies by store
$27.99 — Reg. $34.99
REMINGTON 30-30 150 OR 170 GRAIN AMMO
REG. $32.99.....$21.59 AFTER REBATE

$34.99 -5.00 MFG REBATE
YOUR FINAL PRICE $29.99 — Reg. $41.99
DEER SEASON
• .243, .270, .308, 30.06 or 350 legend
• Assortment varies by store
AFTER REBATE SAVE $12

SAVE UP TO $9 — BLACK OR 450 BUSHMASTER FTX
• 250 grain bullet
$39.99 — Reg. to $48.99

SAVE $30 — USA 5.56MM, 5.56 FMJ M855 OR 223 FMJ
• 200 round
$119.99 — Reg. $149.99

SAVE $3 — SST OR CUSTOM LITE SLUGS
• 12GA or 20GA
$16.99 — Reg. $19.99
BLACK ACES 12GA SLUGS 10 ROUND
REG. $12.99.....$10.99

SAVE $20 — GUN CLUB OR CASE OF FEDERAL TARGET LOADS
• Assortment varies by store
$99.99 — Reg. $119.99
12GA OR 20 GA GAME-SHOK OR GAME LOADS
REG. $12.99.....$9.99

SCOPES

SAVE $10 — 20X50 SPOTTING SCOPE
• Fully multi-coated optics
$39.99 — Reg. $49.99

SAVE $20 — 2.5-10X40 SCOPE WITH LASER
• Adjustable side mounted red laser
$89.99 — Reg. $109.99

SAVE $20 — COPPERHEAD 3-9X40 SCOPE
• Deadhold BDC reticle
• Waterproof, fogproof, shockproof
$119.99 — Reg. $139.99

SAVE $30 — BUCKMASTER 3-9X40 SCOPE
• Waterproof, fogproof, shockproof
$119.99 — Reg. $149.99

SAVE $20 — COPPERHEAD 4-12X44 SCOPE
• Deadhold BDC reticle
• Waterproof, fogproof, shockproof
$129.99 — Reg. $149.99

SAVE $30 — BUCKMASTER 3-9X50 SCOPE
• Waterproof, fogproof, shockproof
$139.99 — Reg. $169.99

$149.99 — CROSSFIRE II 3-9X40 SCOPE
• Fully multi-coated with anti-reflective lens coating for brighter views

$169.99 — CROSSFIRE II 4-12X44 SCOPE
• Fully multi-coated with anti-reflective lens coating for brighter views

$299.99 — VX FREEDOM 3-9X40 SCOPE
• Waterproof, fogproof
• 1" tube
VX FREEDOM 4-12X40 SCOPE.....$349.99

SIGHTS

SAVE $8 — RED/GREEN REFLEX SIGHT
• 4 reticle patterns
• Adjustable brightness
$31.99 — Reg. $39.99

SAVE $15 — IMPACT XL REFLEX SIGHT
• 1x magnification
• Shockproof
$44.99 — Reg. $59.99

$149.99 — CROSSFIRE RED DOT
• 1x magnification
• 2 MOA

BINOCULARS

SAVE $20 — COPPERHEAD HD 10X42 BINOCULARS
• 10x magnification
• Waterproof, fog-proof, shockproof
$99.99 — Reg. $119.99

$149.99 — CROSSFIRE HD 10X42 BINOCULARS
• 10x magnification
• Waterproof, fogproof

$249.99 — DIAMONDBACK HD 10X42 BINOCULARS
• 10x magnification
• Waterproof, fogproof

RANGEFINDERS

$199.99 — CROSSFIRE HD 1400 RANGEFINDER
• Waterproof
• Carry case, lens cloth

SAVE $30 — $89.99 — Reg. $119.99
MUDDY
LR450 RANGEFINDER
• 7x magnification
• 24mm lens

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Reg. to $169.99
ENCOUNTER 250 OR CARE TAKER WIDE BOTTOM
• Assortment varies by store

ENCOUNTER 350 BLIND
REG. $209.99.....$169.99

SAVE $30
$149.99
Reg. $179.99
BRICKHOUSE COMBO
• 67" tall
• 75" hub to hub
• Includes blind and tripod chair

SAVE $30
$149.99
Reg. $179.99
INSIGHT 180 DEGREE SEE THROUGH
• Assortment varies by store

WFS AMBUSH BLIND
REG. $79.99.....$59.99

SAVE $60
$159.99
Reg. $219.99
PREDATOR 270 HUNTING OR OUTLOOK 270 DELUXE
• Assortment varies by store

SAVE $70
$189.99
Reg. $259.99
CARNIVORE 270 OR HARVESTER 270 COMBO
• Assortment varies by store

SAVE $170
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Reg. $899.99
RANGE
• 75" x 72" x 85" dimensions
• Not available in all stores, check local store for availability

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SAVE $20
$49.99
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BROWTINE 20MP GAME CAMERA KIT
• Includes batteries and SD card

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• 24MP
• 80 ft. infrared flash

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EDGE 2 SCOUT-N-SCRAPE GAME CAMERA KIT
• 36MP
• 100 ft. range
• Low-glo flash

SAVE $30
$99.99
Reg. $129.99
MITIGATOR GAME CAMERA WITH SOLAR-PAK
• 24MP
• 80 ft. infrared flash
• 720p video

TRIFECTA 180 GAME CAMERA
REG. $129.99.....$109.99

SAVE $20
$99.99
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FUSION MAX 2.0 GAME CAMERA
• 36MP
• 80 ft. infrared flash

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2-PACK MITIGATOR 2.0 GAME CAMERAS KIT
• 24MP
• 80 ft. infrared flash

SAVE $30
$119.99
Reg. $149.99
2-PACK DOUBLEBROW 24 MP GAME CAMERAS KIT
• 80' flash range

SAVE $30
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REVEAL X 3.0 GAME CAMERA
• 1080P fhd video
• 96 ft. range

SAVE $30
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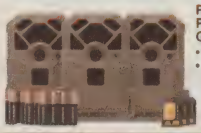
3-PACK PROCAM GAME CAMERAS KIT
• 24MP
• 80 ft. infrared flash range



SAVE $30
$149.99
Reg. $179.99
REVOLVER PRO 2.0 GAME CAMERA
• 40MP
• 100 ft. infrared flash

GUN CASES AND ACCESSORIES

SAVE UP TO $6
$11.99
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ECONOMY SOFT GUN CASE
• Assortment varies by store

SAVE $10
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SPECIAL EDITION SINGLE RIFLE CASE
• High density foam
• Recessed latches
• Durable construction

SAVE $15
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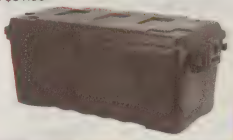
.50 CALIBER METAL AMMO CAN

30 CAL METAL AMMO CAN
REG. $19.99.....$14.99

SAVE UP TO $10
$19.99
Reg. to $29.99
CCW PURSE ASSORTMENT
• Assortment varies by store

SAVE $12
$19.99
Reg. $31.99
68 QT TOTE



SAVE $8
$19.99
Reg. $27.99
AMMO CRATE 7.25
• Heavy duty design

AMMO CRATE 4.5
REG. $24.99.....$17.99

SAVE $8
$21.99
Reg. $29.99
3-PACK PLASTIC AMMO CANS

SAVE $13
$31.99
Reg. $44.99
4 BOX 30 CAL AMMO CRATE

3 BOX 50 CAL AMMO CRATE
REG. $54.99.....$39.99

SAVE $15
$59.99
Reg. $74.99
TACTICAL RANGE BAG
• Multiple compartments
• Heavy duty pull zippers
• Molly loops

CAMO PACKS, FURNITURE AND HEATERS

20% OFF
ALL REGULAR PRICED CAMO AND TACTICAL PACKS IN STOCK
• Assortment varies by store
SOG
Fieldline
WFS

SAVE $10
$39.99
Reg. $49.99
SWIVEL BLIND CHAIR
WFS

SAVE $20
$79.99
Reg. $99.99
DELUXE OR HEATED ENGAGED SWIVEL CHAIR
• Assortment varies by store
BLACK SIERRA
WFS

SAVE $13
$69.99
Reg. $82.99
LITTLE BUDDY HEATER
• Compact heater
• 3800 btu's of heat perfect for hunting blinds, tents, ice shanties and campers

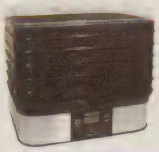
SAVE $20
$79.99
Reg. $99.99
PORTABLE BUDDY HEATER
• Approved for indoor use, low oxygen, and accidental tip-over shut-off systems

FOOD PREP

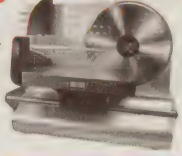
SAVE $10
$39.99
Reg. $49.99
4 TRAY DEHYDRATOR WITH JERKY GUN
WESTON

SAVE $15
$49.99
Reg. $64.99
12" OUTDOOR COOKER PACKAGE
KING KOOKER

SAVE $10
$69.99
Reg. $79.99
6 TRAY DIGITAL DEHYDRATOR
WESTON



SAVE $5
$74.99
Reg. $79.99
7.5" 200 WATT SLICER
WESTON



SAVE UP TO $50
$99.99
Reg. to $149.99
9" 200 WATT SLICER OR #8 HEAVY-DUTY ELECTRIC GRINDER
• Assortment varies by store
WESTON

Dunham's Sports

SAVE UP TO 35% OFF ARCHERY*

*SAVINGS REFLECTED OFF SELECT ITEMS' REGULAR PRICE

SUNDAY & MONDAY specials

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SAVE $70
$229.99
Reg. $299.99
22' MITIGATOR 1.5 MAN LADDER
- Platform: 23.5" x 29"
- Weighs: 61 lbs.
- Capacity: 350 lbs.

AFTER MONDAY **$249.99**

SAVE $100
$399.99
Reg. $499.99
SPARTAN XP400 CROSSBOW PACKAGE WITH CRANK
- Includes 4x32 scope, quiver, bolts and crank cocking device

AFTER MONDAY **$429.99**

SAVE $120
$479.99
Reg. $599.99
ALPHA XP410 CROSSBOW PACKAGE
- Includes 4x32 illuminated scope, bolts, quiver, crank cocking device

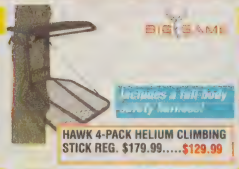
AFTER MONDAY **$499.99**

$29.99 -10.00 MFG REBATE
$19.99
AFTER REBATE SAVE $20
Reg. $39.99
420 FPS BAG TARGET
- 17" x 14" X 17"

AFTER MONDAY **$24.99 AFTER REBATE**

TREESTANDS

SAVE $10
$69.99
Reg. $79.99
CAPTAIN HANG-ON WITH FLEX TEK SEAT



HAWK 4-PACK HELIUM CLIMBING STICK REG. $179.99.....$129.99

SAVE $20
$89.99
Reg. $109.99
VANTAGE HANG-ON

MUDDY MADMAN XLT HANG-ON REG. $139.99.....$119.99

SAVE $20
$149.99
Reg. $169.99
STEALTH MODE OR VULCAN STEEL CLIMBER
- Assortment varies by store

MUDDY BOSS XL HANG-ON REG. $149.99.....$129.99

SAVE $70
$229.99
Reg. $299.99
VIPER STEEL CLIMBER

VIPER SD CLIMBER REG. $379.99.....$329.99

SAVE $30
$149.99
Reg. $179.99
17' SKY RISE ULTRA-WIDE LADDER

MUDDY THE SAFE-LINE ROPE REG. $39.99.....$29.99

SAVE $40
$239.99
Reg. $279.99
22' BIG DADDY WITH LOCKJAW OR 22' MAC DADDY DELUXE LADDER
- Assortment varies by store

MUDDY MAGNUM PRO HARNESS REG. $49.99.....$39.99

SAVE $30
$249.99
Reg. $279.99
18' MARKSMAN OR 18' DOUBLE VANTAGE 2-MAN LADDER
- Assortment varies by store

3-PACK ASCEND OR FAST STICKS CLIMBING STICKS REG. $64.99.....$59.99

SAVE $100
$499.99
Reg. $599.99
MESA 10' QUAD POD WITH BLIND KIT

BIG GAME 20"CLIMBING STICK REG. $79.99.....$64.99

BOWS AND CROSSBOWS

SAVE $30
$219.99
Reg. $249.99
WILDCAT CRX RECURVE CROSSBOW PACKAGE
- Includes red dot scope, quiver, rope cocking device

BEAR JR. LIMITLESS READY TO HUNT BOW PACKAGE REG. $249.99.....$199.99

SAVE $60
$339.99
Reg. $399.99
BONE COLLECTOR HD 415 CROSSBOW PACKAGE WITH CRANK
- Includes illuminated Lumix scope, quiver, silent crank, 3 bolts

SAVE $100
$349.99
Reg. $449.99
BLACK OPS XP390 CROSSBOW PACKAGE
- Includes scope, quiver, bolts, rope cocking device

$559.99 -50.00 MFG REBATE
YOUR FINAL PRICE **$509.99**
Reg. $599.99
LOGIX DE 435 CROSSBOW PACKAGE
- Includes: 4x32 illuminated scope, (3) 20" bolts, sled rope cocker

AFTER REBATE SAVE $90

SAVE $50
$649.99
Reg. $699.99
RAPTOR 410 CROSSBOW PACKAGE
- Includes: 4x36 illuminated scope, (3) bolts, rope cocker device

BEAR FUSION READY TO HUNT BOW PACKAGE REG. $399.99.....$349.99

SAVE $200
$699.99
Reg. $899.99
RDX SILENT CROSSBOW PACKAGE
- Not available in all stores, check local store for availability

SAVE $200
$799.99
Reg. $999.99
TITAN M1 390 DE-COCK CROSSBOW PACKAGE
- Includes proview 400 scope, quiver, (3) pro elite 400 arrows
- Not available in all stores, check local store for availability

SAVE $50
$1099.99
Reg. $1149.99
VENOMX WITH ACCUSLIDE CROSSBOW PACKAGE
- Not available in all stores, check local store for availability

RAVIN R10 PREDATOR CAMO CROSSBOW PACKAGE REG. $1399.99.....$1249.99

ARCHERY NOT AVAILABLE IN TROY, MI.

TARGETS

$34.99 -10.00 MFG REBATE
AFTER REBATE SAVE $15
YOUR FINAL PRICE **$24.99**
Reg. $39.99
H20 20" BAG

H25 25" BAG TARGET REG. $49.99.....$34.99 AFTER REBATE

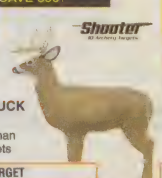
SAVE $10
$39.99
Reg. $49.99
YELLOW JACKET CROSSBOW
- 20" x 20" x 16"

YELLOW JACKET CXP2 FP BAG TARGET REG. $34.99.....$19.99 AFTER REBATE

$59.99 -10.00 MFG REBATE
AFTER REBATE SAVE $20
YOUR FINAL PRICE **$49.99**
Reg. $69.99
18" LAYER
- 16" x 11" x 18"

BLOCK 6X6 TARGET REG. $149.99.....$124.99 AFTER REBATE

$99.99 -20.00 MFG REBATE
AFTER REBATE SAVE $50
YOUR FINAL PRICE **$79.99**
Reg. $129.99
BIG SHOOTER BUCK
- 51" tall
- 25% larger insert than comparable 3D targets



CROSSBOW BUCK TARGET REG. $149.99.....$99.99 AFTER REBATE

$209.99 -20.00 MFG REBATE
AFTER REBATE SAVE $20
YOUR FINAL PRICE **$189.99**
Reg. $209.99
GLENDEL 3-D BUCK
- 4-sided core

DELTA MCKENZIE PREDATOR 18 TARGET REG. $99.99.....$69.99 AFTER REBATE

ATTRACTANTS

SAVE $2
$7.99
Reg. $9.99
BUCK JAM OR DEER CO-CAIN
- Assortment varies by store

SAVE $5 UP TO
$9.99
Reg. to $14.99
40 LB. WICKED CLEAN DEER CORN OR 20 LB. APPLE FLAVOR DEER BLOCK
- Assortment varies by store

SAVE $10 UP TO
$14.99
Reg. to $24.99
20 LB. DEER MINERAL OR 33 LB. EXTREME BLOCK
- Assortment varies by store

SAVE $10 UP TO
$19.99
Reg. to $29.99
20 LB. CRUSH ATTRACTANT OR 20 LB. BOOGER SUGAR
- Assortment varies by store

12 LBS. TROPHY ROCK REG. $12.99.....$9.99

20% OFF
ALL REGULAR PRICED DEAD DOWN WIND SCENT ELIMINATION IN STOCK
- Assortment varies by store

20% OFF
ALL REGULAR PRICED WILDLIFE RESEARCH CENTER SCENT ELIMINATION AND DEER LURES IN STOCK
- Assortment varies by store

SAVE $4 CODE RED®
$11.99
Reg. $15.99
3-PACK WHITETAIL DOE ESTROUS OR BUCK-N-DOES
- Assortment varies by store

SAVE $5
$19.99
Reg. $24.99
4 OZ. #69 DOE-IN-RUT BUCK LURE
- Time-tested blend of 100% natural doe estrous urine

1 OZ. #69 DOE-IN-RUT LURE REG. $12.99.....$7.99

Dunham's Sporting

SAVE UP TO 30% OFF HUNTING APPAREL*

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SUNDAY & MONDAY Specials

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SAVE $10
$19.99
Reg. $29.99
BLAZE ORANGE CAP AND VEST COMBO
AFTER MONDAY $23.99

SAVE UP TO $18
$31.99
Reg. to $49.99
BEAR CAVE 6-POCKET PANTS
AFTER MONDAY 25% OFF

SAVE UP TO $30
$59.99
Reg. to $89.99
MEN'S OR WOMEN'S EARLY DAWN SHERPA JACKET OR PANTS
• Available in Realtree Edge
AFTER MONDAY 25% OFF

SAVE $30
$69.99
Reg. $99.99
MEN'S SILENTEC JACKET OR PANTS
AFTER MONDAY $79.99

30% OFF ALL WORLD FAMOUS SPORTS HUNTING APPAREL*

25% OFF ALL MUDDY AND HABIT HUNTING APPAREL*

25% OFF ALL HABIT, HUNTWORTH AND REALTREE TEES AND HOODIES*

20% OFF ALL BROWNING AND GAMEHIDE HUNTING APPAREL*

* ASSORTMENT VARIES BY STORE. SAVINGS REFLECTED OFF REGULAR PRICE. LIMITED TO STOCK ON HAND. SORRY, NO RAINCHECKS.

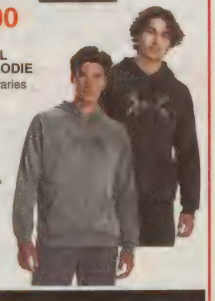
25% OFF

ALL REGULAR PRICED HOWITZER MEN'S HOODIES IN STOCK
• Assortment varies by store

SAVE $13
$49.99
Reg. $62.99
FAST-TAC URBAN PANTS
• Available in black, charcoal and battle brown
• Assortment varies by store

$60.00
MEN'S FREEDOM HOODIE
• Assortment varies by store

$60.00
MEN'S RIVAL ANTLER HOODIE
• Assortment varies by store



THERMALS

SAVE $2
$12.99
Reg. $14.99
MEN'S OR WOMEN'S THERMAL PANTS AND TOP SET

SAVE $2
$12.99
Reg. $14.99
MEN'S PERFORMANCE MESH THERMAL TOP OR BOTTOMS

SAVE $2
$17.99
Reg. $19.99
MEN'S ENTHUSIAST POLY PRO 5.5 CREW TOP OR PANTS

SAVE $2
$17.99
Reg. $19.99
WOMEN'S ENTHUSIAST CREW TOP OR PANTS

SAVE $7
$27.99
Reg. $34.99
MEN'S POLAR FLEECE TOP OR BOTTOMS

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Dunham's Sports

SAVE UP TO 25% OFF BOOTS*

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SAVE UP TO $15
$39.99
Reg. to $54.99
MEN'S MESA OR BEDROCK MID WATERPROOF HIKERS

AFTER MONDAY **$44.99**

SAVE $30
$39.99
Reg. $69.99
MEN'S,WOMEN'S OR YOUTH BIG BUCK 800 HUNTING BOOTS

AFTER MONDAY **$49.99**

SAVE $30
$69.99
Reg. $99.99
MEN'S CARBINE 1000 HUNTING BOOTS

AFTER MONDAY **$79.99**

SAVE $30
$119.99
Reg. $149.99
MEN'S CAMO BRUSHLAND MUD BOOTS

AFTER MONDAY **$139.99**

SAVE $50
$129.99
Reg. $179.99
MEN'S VAPRTREK 400G BOOTS
• Scentban™ odor control

AFTER MONDAY **$149.99**

HUNTING AND MUD BOOTS

ITASCA BOOTS FOR THE FAMILY

SAVE $20
$59.99
Reg. $79.99
MEN'S, WOMEN'S OR YOUTH HUNTING BOOTS
• Choose from Slough Creek Stalker or Swamp Rat Ankle
• Assortment varies by store

SLOUGH CREEK

SWAMP RAT ANKLE

SAVE $4
$18.99
Reg. $22.99
MEN'S COMFORT TECH MUD BOOTS
• Waterproof rubber uppers and outsole

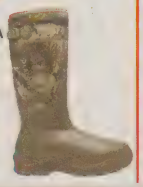
SAVE $20
$109.99
Reg. $129.99
MEN'S MTX 17" 1600G INSULATED MUD BOOTS

MEN'S MTX 17" NON-INSULATED MUD BOOTS REG. $89.99.....$79.99

SAVE $10
$129.99
Reg. $139.99
MEN'S TALL OR WOMEN'S MID CHORE CLASSIC MUD BOOTS

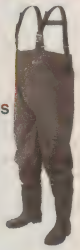
SAVE $30
$89.99
Reg. $119.99
MEN'S IDAHO 1200G FIELD BOOTS

SAVE $20
$129.99
Reg. $149.99
MEN'S 8" WILDCAT MEDIUM FIELD BOOTS

SAVE $20
$179.99
Reg. $199.99
MEN'S ALPHA AGILITY 16" LT 1000G MUD BOOTS


WADERS

SAVE $10
$39.99
Reg. $49.99
RANA II PVC CLEATED HIP WADERS

SAVE $10
$49.99
Reg. $59.99
RANA II CLEATED CHEST PVC WADERS


SAVE $10
$109.99
Reg. $119.99
CASCADES 2-PLY CLEATED CHEST WADERS

SAVE $30
$119.99
Reg. $149.99
AMPHIB 3.5MM CHEST NEOPRENE WADERS

HIKERS

SAVE $10
$59.99
Reg. $69.99
MEN'S RELMENT DAGGETT MID HIKERS

SAVE $10
$69.99
Reg. $80.00
MEN'S TRANSVERSE WATERPROOF OR WOMEN'S TRANSVERSE SUEDE MID HIKERS

SAVE $10
$69.99
Reg. $79.99
MEN'S OR WOMEN'S CROSSLANDER 3 LOW HIKERS

SAVE $10
$79.99
Reg. $89.99
MEN'S ACCENTOR 3 LOW HIKERS
• Select stores only

SAVE $10
$99.99
Reg. $109.99
MEN'S MT. MADDSEN MID HIKERS

ARIAT BOOTS

STARTING AT
$149.99
SELECT ARIAT BOOTS
• Not available in all stores, check local store for availability
• Priced as marked

WORK BOOTS

SAVE UP TO $15
$64.99
Reg. to $79.99
MEN'S 6" DEFIANT OR 8" DARIUS STEEL TOE WORK BOOTS

SAVE $10
$69.99
Reg. $79.99
MEN'S 6" IRONTON STEEL TOE WORK BOOTS

SAVE $10
$79.99
Reg. $89.99
MEN'S STRIVER STEEL TOE WORK BOOTS

SAVE UP TO $20
$89.99
Reg. to $109.99
MEN'S 6" FLOORHAND MOC OR STEEL TOE WORK BOOTS

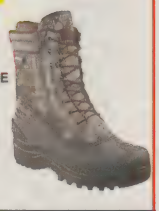
WINTER BOOTS

SAVE $10
$24.99
Reg. $34.99
YOUTH BLIZZARD

SAVE $5
$24.99
Reg. $29.99
YOUTH SNOW DAY

SAVE $10
$39.99
Reg. $49.99
MEN'S ARCHER

SAVE $10
$39.99
Reg. $49.99
MEN'S TUNDRA XT

SAVE $10
$49.99
Reg. $59.99
MEN'S CASCADE EXTREME
• High-traction rubber outsoles


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Dunham's SPORTS

SAVE UP TO 30% OFF EXERCISE*

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EXERCISE

SAVE $50
$449.99
Reg. $499.99
TM2302 TREADMILL WITH POWER INCLINE
• Speed range: 0-9 MPH with quick keys for easy adjustments
Dunham's NEW ITEM

SAVE $200
$599.99
Reg. $799.99
CARBON TL TREADMILL
• 30-day iFit membership included
• 2.6 CHP motor with 5" backlit display

SAVE $500
$1099.99
Reg. $1599.99
T8.5S TREADMILL
• 30-day iFit membership included
• Not available in all stores but special orders available, check local store for availability

SAVE $20
$329.99
Reg. $349.99
FITSPINE X1 INVERSION TABLE
• Flextech bed with suspension system maximizes comfort

SAVE $30
$469.99
Reg. $499.99
325 CSX RECUMBENT BIKE
• 24 workout apps
• iFit Bluetooth Smart enabled

SAVE $700
$599.99
Reg. $1299.99
STUDIO BIKE PRO 22
• 30-day iFit membership included
• 24 digital resistance levels

SAVE $50
$349.99
Reg. $399.99
15' TRAMPOLINE BUNDLE WITH HOOP AND FUN-RING ENCLOSURE
• Includes Jump-N-Jam hoop, mister kit and spring puller

SAVE $100
$599.99
Reg. $699.99
750R ROWER
• 30 day iFit membership included
• Not available in all stores but special orders available, check local store for availability

SAVE $100
$699.99
Reg. $799.99
CARBON EL ELLIPTICAL
• 30 day iFit membership included
• 19" adjustable stride
• 18 preset workout apps and 15 lb. enhanced flywheel

SAVE $10
$49.99
Reg. $59.99
PRO-STYLE TRAINING GLOVES
• Secure fit and enhanced ventilation to keep you cool
• Choose from 12 oz., 14 oz. and 16 oz. sizes
• Assortment varies by store

SAVE $10
$89.99
Reg. 99.99
80 LB. ELITE HEAVY BAG AND GLOVES COMBO
• Assortment varies by store
Dunham's EXCLUSIVE

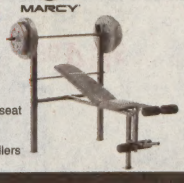
SAVE $30
$119.99
Reg. $149.99
HEAVY BAG STAND
• Designed to meet the demands of heavy hitters
• Easily mounts a heavy bag up to 100 lbs.

SAVE $20
$179.99
Reg. $199.99
MWB-4491 OLYMPIC BENCH
• 600 lb. weight capacity bench
• Independent, adjustable height crutches with quick release knobs

SAVE $20
$279.99
Reg. $299.99
SELECT-A-WEIGHT ADJUSTABLE DUMBBELL SET
• Quick adjusting dumbbell set
• Space efficient
• Eliminates several dumbbells

SAVE $100
$299.99
Reg. $399.99
150 LB. DUMBBELL SET WITH STORAGE RACK
• Includes two 5, 10,15, 20, and 25 lb. dumbbells and storage rack
Dunham's EXCLUSIVE

SAVE $20
$179.99
Reg. $199.99
CB-20111 BENCH WITH 80 LB. WEIGHT SET
• 3-position adjustable seat back
• Lower body total developer with foam rollers

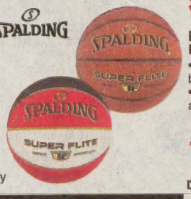


SAVE $20
$399.99
Reg. $419.99
PM-5108 DLX SMITH CAGE TRAINING SYSTEM
• All-in-one design with high pulley lat tower and low pulley station

SAVE $170
$429.99
Compare at $599.99
MWM-990 150 LB. HOME TRAINING SYSTEM
• Multi-function home gym

BASKETBALL

SAVE $10
$22.99
Reg. $32.99
SUPER FLITE BASKETBALL
• Available in official, 28.5" and 27.5" sizes
• Composite leather cover offers great feel with excellent durability



$99.99
EVOLUTION GAME BASKETBALL
• #1 selling game basketball
• Available in official and 28.5" sizes

SAVE $100
$449.99
Reg. $549.99
SFS POWER 54" 91002 PORTABLE SYSTEM
• 54" steel-framed shatterproof backboard
LIFETIME

DELIVERY & ASSEMBLY OPTIONS AVAILABLE FOR BACKBOARDS. SEE SALES ASSOCIATE FOR DETAILS.

HEATER

20% OFF
ALL REGULAR PRICED ELECTRIC INDOOR HEATERS IN STOCK
• Assortment varies by store
• Excludes clearance
• Sorry, no rainchecks

SMOKER

SAVE $100
$349.99
Reg. $449.99
VERTICAL PELLET SMOKER
• 4 porcelain coated cooking grids
• 40 lb. hopper capacity

3-SERIES DIGITAL ELECTRIC SMOKER
REG. $329.99.....$299.99

GRILL

SAVE $200
$399.99
Reg. $599.99
BLACK LABEL SERIES PELLET GRILL WITH WI-FI CONTROL
• 18 pound capacity pellet hopper for long cooks

SUNDAY & MONDAY specials

ONLY GOOD FOR OCTOBER 19 & 20, 2025

SAVE $300
$699.99
Reg. $999.99
T6.5S TREADMILL
• 30-day iFit membership included
• 2.6 CHP smart-response motor

AFTER MONDAY **$799.99**

SAVE $70
$229.99
Reg. $299.99
14' TRAMPOLINE WITH FUN-RING ENCLOSURE
• The enclosure attaches to each of the 6 padded exposure poles with a high strength bungee

AFTER MONDAY **$269.99**

SAVE $100
$279.99
Reg. $379.99
300 LB. OLYMPIC WEIGHT SET

AFTER MONDAY **$299.99**

$200 OFF
ALL REGULAR PRICED B200 AND HS200 MINI BIKES IN STOCK
• Powerful 196cc engine with easy pull-start operation
• Assortment varies by store
• Not available in IN, MO, ND, WV, WY, and VA

AFTER MONDAY **$100 OFF**

STARTING AT $20.00
• Assortment varies by store
• Check local store for availability
• Priced as marked

STARTING AT $24.99
• Assortment varies by store
• Check local store for availability
• Priced as marked

Dunham's SPORTS

SAVE UP TO 25% OFF FOOTWEAR*

* SAVINGS REFLECTED OFF SELECT ITEMS' REGULAR PRICE.

STARTING AT **$44.99**

HEYDUDE CASUAL SHOES FOR THE FAMILY
• Priced as marked

STARTING AT **$39.99** crocs

CLOGS FOR THE FAMILY
• Priced as marked

FLEECE LINED STARTING AT $49.99

$85.00 MEN'S OR WOMEN'S ANTHEM 7 RUNNING SHOES
• Not available in all stores, check local store for availability

SAVE $40 **$99.99** MEN'S OR WOMEN'S GHOST 16 RUNNING SHOES
• Not available in all stores, check local store for availability
Reg. $140.00

$100.00 MEN'S OR WOMEN'S TRACE 4 RUNNING SHOES
• Not available in all stores, check local store for availability

SAVE $20 **$119.99** MEN'S OR WOMEN'S ADRENALINE 24 RUNNING SHOES
• Not available in all stores, check local store for availability
Reg. $140.00

ATHLETIC SHOES

SAVE $10 **$24.99** MEN'S OR WOMEN'S AVI-NEO ATHLETIC SHOES
Reg. $34.99

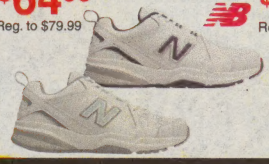
SAVE $10 **$29.99** MEN'S AVI-TREX 2 WIDE RUNNING SHOES
Reg. $39.99

SAVE UP TO $10 **$49.99** MEN'S SUMMITS LOUVIN OR WOMEN'S SUMMITS ATHLETIC CASUAL SHOES
• Excludes Slip-Ins
Reg. to $59.99

SAVE $10 **$54.99** MEN'S OR WOMEN'S SURGE 4 RUNNING SHOES
Reg. $65.00

SAVE $10 **$59.99** MEN'S LITE RACER ADAPT 7.0 RUNNING SHOES
Reg. $70.00
AVAILABLE IN WIDE WIDTH

SAVE UP TO $15 **$64.99** MEN'S OR WOMEN'S 608 TRAINING SHOES
• Available in wide width
Reg. to $79.99



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Reg. to $79.99

SAVE $10 **$64.99** MEN'S OR WOMEN'S ASSERT 10 RUNNING SHOES
Reg. $75.00
AVAILABLE IN WIDE WIDTH

SAVE $10 **$64.99** MEN'S AFTER BURN ATHLETIC CASUAL SHOES
Reg. $74.99
AVAILABLE IN WIDE WIDTH

SAVE $10 **$79.99** MEN'S KAPTIR 4.0 OR WOMEN'S KAPTIR FLOW 2.0 RUNNING SHOES
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BASKETBALL SHOES

SAVE $10 **$44.99** YOUTH OWNTHEGAME 3.0
Reg. $55.00

SAVE $5 **$49.99** PRESCHOOL JET 25
• While supplies last
Reg. $55.00
GRADE SCHOOL REG. $60.00.....$54.99

SAVE $15 **$54.99** ADULT LOCKDOWN 7 MID
• While supplies last
Reg. $70.00

SAVE $5 **$59.99** ADULT OWNTHEGAME 3.0
Reg. $65.00

SAVE $15 **$69.99** ADULT CURRY 3Z 24
Reg. $85.00

WRESTLING SHOES

SAVE $10 **$49.99** YOUTH MATFLEX 7
Reg. $60.00

SAVE UP TO $4 **$54.99** YOUTH HVC 2
Reg. to $59.00

SAVE $5 **$59.99** ADULT MATFLEX 7
Reg. $65.00

SAVE UP TO $5 **$64.99** ADULT HVC 2
Reg. to $69.00

SAVE $5 **$64.99** ADULT SPEEDSWEEP VIII
Reg. $70.00
YOUTH REG. $65.00.....$54.99

WOMEN'S BOOTS

SAVE UP TO $5 **$29.99**
Reg. to $34.99
WOMEN'S PARK CITY CASUAL BOOTS
APRÈS

SAVE $10 **$29.99**
Reg. $39.99
WOMEN'S ULTRA MINI COLD WEATHER BOOTS
CANYON CREEK

SAVE $10 **$29.99**
Reg. $39.99
WOMEN'S LOVELAND WINTER BOOTS
ITASCA

SAVE $10 **$29.99**
Reg. $39.99
WOMEN'S SNOWBANK II WINTER BOOTS
TAMARACK

SAVE $10 **$34.99**
Reg. $44.99
WOMEN'S CLARA WINTER BOOTS
TAMARACK

SAVE $10 **$39.99**
Reg. $49.99
WOMEN'S LODGE DUCK BOOTS
TAMARACK

SAVE $10 **$39.99**
Reg. $49.99
WOMEN'S CABIN OR CHALET DUCK BOOTS
TAMARACK

SAVE $10 **$44.99**
Reg. $54.99
WOMEN'S ALPINE WINTER BOOTS
TAMARACK

20% OFF ALL REGULAR PRICED MUK LUKS SOCKS AND SLIPPERS FOR THE FAMILY IN STOCK

20% OFF ALL REGULAR PRICED HEAT HOLDERS SOCKS FOR THE FAMILY IN STOCK

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$19.99
ADULT KNIT WATCH CAP
• Style A18

$54.99
MEN'S OR WOMEN'S 1/4 ZIP SWEATSHIRT
• Style 105294 and 105295
• Sizes S-2XL

BIG AND TALL.....$59.99

STARTING AT $59.99
MEN'S OR WOMEN'S GRAPHIC FLEECE
• Style 107528, 107529, 107530, 102791
• Sizes S-2XL
• Priced as marked

Dunham's EXCLUSIVE

$59.99
MEN'S OR WOMEN'S LOGO SLEEVE HOODIE
• Style K288 and 102791

BIG AND TALL.....$64.99

$64.99
MEN'S FORCE HOODIE
• Style 107064
• Sizes S-2XL

$69.99
WOMEN'S WAFFLE SHIRT JACKET
• 107134
• Sizes XS-2XL

$69.99
MEN'S PAXTON MOCK ZIP HOODIE
• Style100617

BIG AND TALL.....$74.99

$84.99
MEN'S SWEATER FLEECE

BIG AND TALL.....$94.99

$99.99
MEN'S GILLIAM JACKET
• Style 102208
• Sizes M-4XL

BIG AND TALL.....$109.99

$119.99
MEN'S ACTIVE JACKET
• Style J140
• Sizes M-4XL

BIG AND TALL.....$129.99

WORKWEAR

SAVE $2
$14.99
Reg. $16.99
WOMEN'S OR GIRLS' KNIT FLANNEL
• Excludes sherpa lined fleece

CANYON CREEK

WOMEN'S KNIT SHIRT JACKET REG. $24.99.....$19.99

SAVE $5
$19.99
Reg. $24.99
MEN'S LINED PANTS OR LINED JEANS

FULL☆BLUE

SAVE $8
$21.99
Reg. $29.99
MEN'S OR WOMEN'S SHIRT JACKET
• Sizes S-2XL

FLINT WORKWEAR
CANYON CREEK

BIG AND TALL REG. $34.99.....$24.99

$64.99
MEN'S HOODED JACKET
• Style HJ51

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BIG AND TALL.....$74.99

SAVE $10
$74.99
Reg. $84.99
MEN'S INSULATED OVERALLS
• Style B415
• Sizes M-4XL and short and tall sizes

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BIG AND TALL REG. $89.99.....$84.99

DESTINATION DENIM

GREAT BUY!
$9.99
MEN'S UNLINED JEANS
• Styles 90203-LW, 90209-LW, 90375-MW, 90203-DW, 90940-MD, 90209-MD

FULL☆BLUE

SAVE $3
$24.99
Reg. $27.99
MEN'S SIGNATURE GOLD JEANS
• Excludes Red Tab jeans

LEVI STRAUSS SIGNATURE

SAVE UP TO $24.51
$44.99
Reg. to $69.50
MEN'S RED TAB JEANS
• Discontinued styles and colors

LEVI'S

SAVE UP TO $20
$49.99
Reg. to $69.99
MEN'S RETRO DENIM

Wrangler RETRO

STARTING AT **$59.95**
MEN'S JEANS
• Priced as marked

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OUTERWEAR AND ACCESSORIES

25% OFF
ALL REGULAR PRICED CANADA WEATHER GEAR MEN'S APPAREL IN STOCK

SALE PRICES STARTING AT $29.99

20% OFF
ALL REGULAR PRICED CANADA WEATHER GEAR WOMEN'S JACKETS IN STOCK

20% OFF
ALL REGULAR PRICED O'NEILL WOMEN'S SKI JACKETS IN STOCK
• Sizes S-XL, 1X-3X

O'NEILL

SAVE UP TO $5
$24.99
Reg. to $29.99
YOUTH BIBS OR PANTS
• Toddler 2T-3T, Child 4-7 and youth 7-18

CANYON CREEK
pulse

25% OFF
ALL REGULAR PRICED HUNTWORTH COLD WEATHER ACCESSORIES FOR THE FAMILY IN STOCK

Huntworth

SAVE $10
$39.99
Reg. $49.99
YOUTH INSULATED JACKET
• Sizes S-XL, child and youth

pulse

SAVE UP TO $15
$69.99
Reg. to $84.99
MEN'S JACKET

Reebok

BOYS' JACKET REG. $59.99.....$49.99

SAVE UP TO $30
$89.99
Reg. to $120.00
MEN'S POWDER LITE JACKET
• Discontinued colors

Columbia

SAVE $20
$119.95
Reg. $139.95
MEN'S MORTON OR WOMEN'S GALAXY JACKET
• AQYTJ03004

QUIKSILVER
ROXY

20% OFF
ALL REGULAR PRICED GORDINI COLD WEATHER ACCESSORIES FOR THE FAMILY IN STOCK

GORDINI

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APPAREL FOR THE FAMILY STARTING AT $9.99

NEW AT DUNHAM'S!

DREAM - PLAN - HUSTLE - REPEAT

$68.00 MEN'S ORIGIN 300 HOODIE
- Dunham's exclusive colors available

MUNICIPAL
Co-founded by Mark Wahlberg

UNDER ARMOUR

SAVE UP TO $25
$39.99
Reg. to $65.00
SELECT MEN'S OR WOMEN'S FLEECE
- Discontinued styles and colors
- Men's sizes S-2XL, 3X and tall sizes in select styles
- Women's sizes XS-XL, 1X-3X

BOYS' OR GIRLS' FLEECE REG. TO $52.00.....$29.99

ADIDAS

25% OFF
ALL REGULAR PRICED ADIDAS FLEECE FOR THE FAMILY IN STOCK
- Men's sizes S-2XL, 3X and tall sizes in select styles
- Women's sizes XS-XL
- Boys' S-XL

CHAMPION

BUY 1 GET 1 50% OFF
ALL REGULAR PRICED CHAMPION TEES, TANKS AND FLEECE FOR THE FAMILY IN STOCK
- Men's sizes S-2XL
- Women's sizes XS-XL
- Discontinued styles and colors

MIX & MATCH PIECES!

FASHION LOOKS FOR THE FAMILY

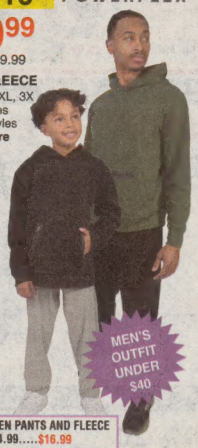
SAVE $10
$24.99
Reg. $34.99
MEN'S FLEECE
- Sizes S-2XL, 3X in select styles
- **Model is wearing Hike Fleece 1/4 Zip Hoodie and Pants**

BISON RIDGE

MEN'S OUTFIT UNDER $50

MEN'S WOVEN PANTS OR ASPEN SUPREME WAFFLE HOODIE REG. $24.99.....$19.99

SAVE UP TO $10 POWERFLEX
$19.99
Reg. to $29.99
MEN'S FLEECE
- Sizes S-2XL, 3X and tall sizes in select styles
- **Models are wearing Michael Fleece Hoodie**



MEN'S OUTFIT UNDER $40

BOYS' WOVEN PANTS AND FLEECE REG. TO $24.99.....$16.99

SAVE $5
$14.99
Reg. $19.99
GIRLS' FLEECE OR JACKET

90 DEGREE BY REFLEX · SOLA · YOGA · ebb & flow · CANYON CREEK

SAVE $2
$12.99
Reg. $14.99
GIRLS' FLEECE LINED LEGGINGS OR FLARES

ONE 5 ONE

GIRLS' OUTFIT UNDER $30

SAVE UP TO $10
$24.99
Reg. to $34.99
WOMEN'S FLEECE, COZY FLEECE OR CARDIGAN

CANYON CREEK · SOLA · Embrace Your Life ATHLEISURE · ebb & flow · 90 DEGREE BY REFLEX · RBX

SAVE $8
$16.99
Reg. $24.99
WOMEN'S LEGGINGS OR FLARES
- Sizes XS-XL, 1X-3X

Yogalux® · 90 DEGREE BY REFLEX · RBX · YOGALICIOUS

WOMEN'S OUTFIT UNDER $45

SAVE $5
$34.99
Reg. $39.99
WOMEN'S SUPER SOFT FLEECE TOP OR BOTTOM

SOLA · Pulse ATHLEISURE · Yogalux® · YOGALICIOUS · harmony balance

WOMEN'S OUTFIT UNDER $70

MORE APPAREL FOR THE FAMILY

SAVE UP TO $5
$9.99
Reg. to $14.99
LOUNGE TOP OR PANTS FOR THE FAMILY
- Men's S-2XL, and tall sizes
- Women's XS-2XL
- Youth S-XL, little boys, and little girls

CANYON CREEK

MATCH THE FAMILY

SAVE UP TO $30
$29.99
Reg. to $60.00
MEN'S OR WOMEN'S FLEECE
- Men's S-2XL
- Women's S-XL

PUMA

25% OFF
ALL REGULAR PRICED SPYDER MEN'S FLEECE, PANTS, COMPRESSION, AND COLD WEATHER COMPRESSION IN STOCK
- Sizes S-3XL

SPYDER

SAVE $4
$12.99
Reg. $16.99
MEN'S EVERYDAY FLANNEL
- Sizes S-3XL and tall sizes in select styles
- Excludes Brawny Flannels

CANYON CREEK

BOYS' FLANNEL REG. $14.99.....$9.99

20% OFF
SELECT REGULAR PRICED UNDER ARMOUR DUFFEL BAGS, BACKPACKS AND SACKPACKS IN STOCK

SAVE $5
$14.99
Reg. $19.99
WOMEN'S FLEECE LINED LEGGINGS OR FLARES

ONE 5 ONE

MUK LUKS WOMEN'S FLEECE LINED LEGGINGS REG. TO $16.99.....$12.99

SAVE $10
$24.99
Reg. $34.99
WOMEN'S VEST

Mejane®

GIRLS' VEST REG. $24.99.....$19.99

SAVE UP TO $10
$24.99
Reg. to $34.99
WOMEN'S CARDIGAN OR SHACKET

RBX · 90 DEGREE BY REFLEX · Como Vintage® · harmony balance

SAVE UP TO $10
$39.99
Reg. to $49.99
WOMEN'S FLEECE

ROXY

SAVE $5
$19.99
Reg. $24.99
SHERPA LINED BLANKET

CANYON CREEK · MONTAUK® · Artemis® · Mantolok®

STARTING AT $70.00
BRANDED SUNGLASSES
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- Priced as marked

OAKLEY · UNDER ARMOUR · NIKE · COSTA · Ray-Ban

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GREAT BUY!

$34.99
MEN'S, WOMEN'S OR YOUTH FLEECE HOODIE OR CREW

NCAA

FAN GEAR

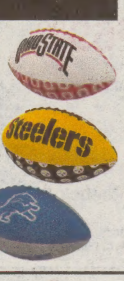
20% OFF
ALL REGULAR PRICED NFL TEES AND HEADWEAR IN STOCK
- Excludes Nike and Fanatics

47 · NFL · NEW ERA

GREAT BUY!
$14.99
Reg. to $16.99
MEN'S, WOMEN'S OR YOUTH TEE

NCAA · KA

SAVE $3
$16.99
Reg. $19.99
LICENSED MINI FOOTBALL OR BASKETBALL



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